



The Homesteader

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

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

FRONT ENTRANCE HOLIDAY DÉCOR



Help deck the halls; walls at the front entrance, that is. Saturday, **December 1st** at 1:00 p.m. Neighbors gather to hang garland and wreaths and put lights on the tree. Be one of those neighbors! No experience necessary, just be there.

HOLIDAY PARTY - December 3rd

*Please drop in for a toast of good cheer
To the Christmas holiday and upcoming new year.
With flashlights aglow,
Down Hillview we'll go
Families, neighbors and friends,
With Santa Claus at the end!*

Festivities begin at 7 p.m. Bring your flashlight up to the front entrance, where we'll light the tree and sing some Christmas carols.

Then it's a short walk to Ronnie's house, where hot chocolate and sweet treats await. The kids will receive one of Ron's hand-made ornaments as a gift, and have the chance to visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus. Photo op!



2018
Hummingbird
Ornament

2019–2020 CIVIC LEAGUE OFFICERS

Elections were held during the November 13th meeting. Chris Medlin was elected President, Karen Nuskiewicz was elected Vice President, Lauren Arlaud was elected Secretary, and Donna Zerby will continue as Treasurer. Newly elected civic league officers will assume their official duties effective January 1st and serve a two-year term.

HOMESTEAD RESIDENTS.mdb

By Karen Nuskiewicz

Circa 2005, I inherited Homestead's membership database. It's a simple name, address, phone number .mdb file that is used to provide membership information for the neighborhood directory, continuing Neighborhood Watch requirements, and dues collection. I believe it's origin was an Excel file. It's antiquated and needs updating. For instance, there are no indexed fields and no fields for capturing cell phone numbers nor for capturing email addresses (these are in a separate Outlook file). If you have the expertise, time, and desire to help implement an improved design, or create a new database and dump the data, please contact me at kdl10@yahoo.com.



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Civic League Representatives:

Karen Nuskiewicz, President..... 424-5657
Gary Medlin, Vice President 361-5826
Donna Zerby, Treasurer..... 747-9688
Kristen Harris, Secretary 617-6337
Ted Ring, Webmaster 615-1147
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BLOCK PARTY

By Karla Drake

October 13th was the annual Homestead Block Party. It turned out to be a beautiful day with lots of sun and warm temperatures, making the company of our friends and neighbors even more enjoyable. We once again thank all of the volunteers and people who came forward to offer assistance, especially with set up and clean up afterwards. The grills were manned this year by our favorite chefs, Mike Rheinhart, Mike Winstead and we were grateful to have Todd McGovern manning the third grill. As always thanks to our Homestead neighbors who brought food to share with everyone. We had so much this year we had to find another table. We are very grateful to you all.



Councilman John Moss chats with a resident at the block party.

Lots of children lined up to have their faces painted into a variety of different fun and interesting images that kept our clown, Goody Gumdrop, quite busy. We had a great turnout for the corn hole tournament with 11 teams signed up to compete. Thank you to Kathy Rheinhart and Courtney Mickiewicz for their help with running the tournament. The winners of the tournament were Chris and Mike Holloman. The 17 and Under category did not have any teams so we did not have a 17 and Under tournament. Congratulations again to the winners.

Ten lucky Homestead residents took home cakes won from the cake walk. Many residents were lucky winners in our door prize drawings and as always we were fortunate to offer a beautifully detailed hand carved bowl, and a picture of a past Christmas ornament made by Ron Harriman, for 2 lucky winners. We continued this year with the 4 containers filled with candy that went to the person who guessed the closest to the correct number of pieces in the jar. Thanks to Chris Medlin who organized and ran our new 50/50 raffle and congratulations to Ron Harriman as our first raffle winner. The day ended with the egg toss.

Thanks again to everyone who came out to help participate and a special thanks to all of the volunteers, Karen and Ray Nuskiewicz, Denise Dukes, Chris Medlin, Ginger Boyer, Mary Glynn, Donna Zerby, Kathy Rheinhart, Courtney Mickiewicz, Mike and Glenda Winstead and anyone who volunteered to help us keep us on track that we may have forgotten to mention and the Block Party Committee members who pulled it all together. The Block Party Committee members are Jim and Mary Glynn, Karen and Ray Nuskiewicz, Gary Medlin, Todd McGovern, Mike Rheinhart, Mike Winstead, Jesse and Denise Dukes, Donna and Rex Zerby and Darren and Karla Drake.

YARD SALE and BAKE SALE

By Chris Medlin & Karen Nuskiewicz

We hope all our yard sale participants received good returns on the sale of their treasures. More than thirty households participated this year, the weather was pleasant, and there were lots of customers.



The civic league's bake sale was the biggest success yet, earning \$376! Truly, the variety and quality of the baked goods this year was unsurpassed; everything looked so tempting.

In addition to the bake sale we had a small yard sale using items donated by a few residents, which brought in \$162. Along with \$54 in cash donations, volunteers earned \$592 for your league's treasury.

Very special thanks go out to the volunteers who made the event happen, and all the generous folks who donated to insure that our little civic league remains active.

SHOUT OUTS

By Karen Nuskiewicz

Now That's Commitment



Darren & Karla Drake

Little Contributions = Big Help

Although past Yard Sale coordinator, Lieske (Tuttle) Navarre, got married and moved, she came by and brought some Krispy Kreme Donut coupons, allowing for a free dozen. Pure profit; nice!

It Took Three

Self-taught Webmaster since the Fall of 2010, Ted Ring worked with volunteers Jeff Ringer and Carrie Smaha to pass the torch of Webmaster to Carrie. We're so fortunate to have volunteers with the skills and commitment to maintain our site. Be sure to check it out.



ARRIVALS, DEPARTURES, AND DIRECTORY UPDATES

Arrivals - Welcome to our new neighbors:

Monica Burns of Fireside Lane, Joseph & Christine Salay of Fireside Lane, Terrence & Lizzette Stokes of Old Homestead Lane, and Andrew & Stephanie Lambert of West Goodview.

Departures - Farewells:

Dolores Bedford passed away in August, Elizabeth Clark and Carolyn Felts passed away in October, and Evelyn Brogden passed away in November.

An 'original' homeowner since 1968, Carolyn Felts was very active with the civic league for many years, and Homestead was dear to her heart. Her final example of that love was her obituary request:

"Memorial donations can be made in Carolyn's memory to the Homestead Civic League, c/o Donna Zerby, 944 W. Goodview Dr., Virginia Beach, VA 23464." How very kind and thoughtful. The family made this decision in tribute to their fond memories of this lovely neighborhood.

Corrections:

The June newsletter identified new residents on Homeward Drive as Mike & Monica Paulsen. They are Matt & Monica.

∞ Got new neighbors? Let us know so that the Welcoming Committee may deliver a welcome basket with unique and useful welcome gifts. Call or email Karen Nuskiewicz with details: 424-5657;

kdl10@yahoo.com.



Many of our volunteers have served for years, as have Darren and Karla Drake. They've coordinated nine block parties! Thank you to infinity and back.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

By Karen Nuszkiewicz

The very best thing about serving as your president has been meeting, working with, and getting to know so many people. That will continue, although I'll be on the other side of the podium in January. Thank you to everyone for your support the last 13 years.



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