

# The Homesteader

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWSLETTER

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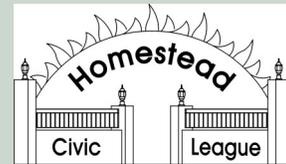
## HOMESTEAD HOLIDAY PARTY

DECEMBER 5<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm

Let's celebrate the holidays together. After a two year hiatus, we may once again gather at the front entrance to light the tree! Come out and meet your neighbors there to sing some Christmas Carols and spread some holiday cheer. Then walk to Ron Harri-man's, our party-host, to get a picture with Mr. and Mrs. Claus and enjoy some hot cocoa with marsh-mallows and homemade treats with your neighbors. Ron has made his famous, handmade wooden orna-ments, carefully painted and ready to give to his special neighbors and friends.



HOMESTEAD Holiday Party 2021



NEXT MEETING  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 10<sup>TH</sup>

Providence Presbyterian Church



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## Homestead Heritage Garden Upgrades

Everything deteriorates over time, but Homesteaders are fortunate to have volunteers willing to maintain our front entrance and Heritage Garden. Brian Nuskiewicz used his time and skills to level pavers that had shifted over time, and he and Ray Nuskiewicz procured, sealed and installed two new benches. Thanks to Rex Zerby, the benches are now adorned with two plaques; one in recognition of Ron Harriman, and one in recognition of Carolyn Felts. The plaques read: *"In celebration of Ron Harriman For his ornaments, spirit, & Love for Homesteaders"* and *"For the dedicated contributions made by Carolyn Felts"*.



THANK YOU to EVERYONE who contributed to the Homestead Civic League's bake sale fundraiser. It takes a lot of volunteers to make it successful; and you did. After expenses, sales and donations profit was \$470. This annual bake sale and the annual membership dues collection drive are the league's only fundraisers. Your help with the bake sale is a big part of maintaining our solvency. Job well done!



Homestead's 2022 Block Party was another huge success. 93 adults and 41 children enjoyed the fire truck, face painting, cake walk, corn hole tournament, egg toss, guessing game, door prizes, great food, and most importantly - fellowship. Thank you to all who helped give us this opportunity to get together with our neighbors. Homestead is such a wonderful, family oriented community, and our block party is one way to help keep it that way.

If you have suggestions for next year or would like to be a block party volunteer, contact the 2023 Block Party Coordinator, Nancy Sokol, at [Nps195781@yahoo.com](mailto:Nps195781@yahoo.com).



## See something, please say something.....

Right after Halloween, someone took the sign out of our main bulletin board sign. We have no idea why. Chris Epstein just replaced it and moved on. Then someone did it again and then again. So we fixed the lock on the sign door and thought, ok this should deter someone. Nope, no such luck. Someone decided to BREAK the glass on the door. Then on November 15<sup>th</sup> between 7 pm and 8 pm, someone took out the Thanksgiving sign and tore it up and threw it in the street. A police report has been filed about the broken glass. Hopefully they will catch this person that is bored out of their mind that they have to tear up a little sign that make people smile.

Also, on November the 8<sup>th</sup>, someone ran into our front entrance and knocked over our tree. That poor tree had been hit twice. Once in 2020 and then again this year. Shout out to Chris Lalonge for going up there and staking the tree up. Also a big shout out to Rex Zerby for putting reflectors up so hopefully someone will see there is a median there and our tree when they turn.

I sure wish people would put more energy into something more constructive other than tearing up signs and hitting our tree. If you see anything, please say something. Call the non-emergency police 757-385-5000. It only takes a few minutes of your time to help keep our little neighborhood safe and a great place to live.



## BEST Sugar Cookie Recipe



yield: 36 COOKIES  
prep time: 30 MINS  
total time: 38 MINS

*Soft cut out sugar cookie recipe that keeps its shape and dough does not need to be chilled before baking- perfect edges every time!*

### Ingredients

- 1 Cup unsalted butter
- 1 Cup granulated white sugar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1/2 teaspoon almond extract
- 1 egg
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 3 cups all purpose flour

### Instructions

PREHEAT oven to 350° F.

In mixer, CREAM butter and sugar until smooth, at least 3 minutes

BEAT in extracts and egg

In a separate bowl, COMBINE baking powder and salt with flour and add a little at a time to the wet ingredients.

IMPORTANT NOTE: If the dough looks crumbly keep mixing for 30 seconds to 1 minute longer.

DO NOT CHILL THE DOUGH. Divide into workable batches (2-3 chunks), roll out onto a floured surface, and cut. You want these cookies to be on the thicker side (closer to 1/4 inch rather than 1/8).

Bake at 350 for 6-8 minutes. Let cool on the cookie sheet until firm enough to transfer to a cooling rack.

## **Trash Day Important Information;**

Information gathered by Lorrie Riddle

**\*\*** Three Feet of Clearance between Cans and anything else (mailbox, cars, yard debris) to allow enough room for the claw to raise and lower the can without hitting anything.

**\*\*** Yard Debris Only in Clear Bags, no trash.

**\*\*** Residents are encouraged to please make one or two large piles, rather than multiple small piles, as this allows for crews to be more efficient when collecting yard debris. Two piles, generated from each house, will be collected. Pile(s) cannot exceed 4 x 4 x 4 feet. Limbs cannot exceed 4 feet long and 6 inches in diameter. Do not tie bundles in string or ribbon.

**\*\*** For operational efficiency, Waste Management does not provide "broom service" as this would slow down the service to the 126,000 homes. Residents shall be responsible for collection and proper disposal of the small twigs and leaves that fall from yard debris piles.

**\*\*** Dump your recyclables into the blue recycling can. Any bags received at the TFC processing facility are automatically placed in the trash. They do not open bags to see what is inside. No loose plastic bags they clog the machinery.

**\*\***For larger amounts of yard debris, yard waste containers are available for rent. Please call Waste Management to schedule a delivery. (757) 385-4650

**\*\*** The Virginia Beach Landfill and Resource Recovery Center, located at 1989 Jake Sears Road, is available to Virginia Beach residents for a wide range of recycling and disposal needs. Hours of operation are 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday

**\*\*** Bulky Item pick up; a request can be submitted by phone (757) 385-4650 or on line at; [www.vbgov.com/government/departments/public-works/Pages/service-requests](http://www.vbgov.com/government/departments/public-works/Pages/service-requests)

If you have any questions you may call (757) 385-4650, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, or visit

[www.vbgov.com/wastemgt](http://www.vbgov.com/wastemgt).

For Recycling visit; [www.tfcrecycling.com](http://www.tfcrecycling.com)

## **WELCOME TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD!!!**

Sharib, Benji & Stacie

- W Goodview

Obain, Matthew & Emma

- W Goodview

Dawson Hyde & Cassie Kirk

- N Sunland

Ezernack, Nathan & Savannah

- Hillview Blvd

Reynolds, Dawn & Debrah

- W Goodview

Ashcroft, David

- W Goodview

Gordon, Ian & Carla

- Whitehurst

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