



The Homesteader

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

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

Holiday Party #29

By Gary Medlin



All of those who attended the holiday party festivities on December 3rd probably agree that the events were unquestioned successes. From Ray Nuskiewicz leading carols and lighting the tree to the party in Ron Harriman's garage, we had a great time.

For Mr. Harriman, it was his 29th holiday gift to the neighborhood. His hot chocolate was tasty and his ornaments were works of art. In fact, I overheard Santa say that he often thought of offering Ron a job at the North Pole, but he did not want to jeopardize the 92 year old's amateur status. Anyway, Homesteaders would never allow even Santa to steal Ron from us.

As Ron always says about the party, "I had help." Among the helpers were Ron's daughter Anne, who cleaned the garage and Mike Winstead, the primary hot chocolate man.

Thanks to the following folks and their abundant goodies, many of us are still on diets. They are: Chris Medlin, Glenda Winstead, Al and Sandra Parker, Karen Nuskiewicz, Paula Brumage, Karen Davis, Ginger Boyer, Martha Claytor, Chip Claytor, Betty Banaag, Regina Holloway, The Zaders and Jackie Moylan.

Ron is already in the planning stage for conducting next year's party and constructing the 2019 ornament. Don't miss #30; you'll be mighty naughty if you do.

AirBNB In Homestead

By Mike Winstead

Perhaps many of you are not aware we have a short term rental house in our neighborhood 904 Hillview Blvd. Many of our neighbors attended a required training to meet qualifications to implement a Neighborhood Watch Program. With the focus on implementing this program, we are to look out for the health and safety of our neighbors. We received tips such as: "See something. Say Something". This property creates a dilemma for "watchers" when we constantly have renters in and out and cars are always different. Suddenly, we no longer know our "neighbors".

With the new ordinance passed by City Council in January 2019, there are many rules. They are:

- No more than two rentals in seven days, and a maximum of three people to a bedroom.
- One car is allotted per bedroom and there is to be one off-street parking spot per bedroom.
- Owners must maintain a one million dollar liability insurance policy.
- Permits must be renewed every five years; extensions will be granted if no violations occur.

I have witnessed as many as eight cars parked overnight. The house next to me has been a short term rental for about seven months. I am against short term rentals; property values will decline, especially for nearby neighbors. You can be assured I will call the city if I see infractions. Neighbors, if you see infractions, please report them to the City. Finally, if you plan to sell your property in the future, will you need to declare an AirBNB in your community?

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In Memory of Carolyn Felts

By Donna Foxwell Zerby

After receiving an email that we lost our neighbor who loved our neighborhood so much that she wanted donations to be made to our Homestead Civic League, I was touched. With every letter and check that I received, I made sure that a thank you note was sent to each donor on behalf of our Civic League. I just wanted to make sure they knew how much we appreciated their donation. Homestead has been the place many of us grew up, raised children, watched neighbors retire, and held a special place in the hearts of so many. The time that the volunteers and officers spend to help keep traditions alive is so precious and meaningful. It really meant a lot that someone recognized all that our neighborhood does and understands what it means to be a Homesteader. Carolyn Felts may no longer be with us but her spirit is and I know she is happy that we are continuing to keep these traditions alive.

At our last civic league meeting, we voted on what to do with the money. It was decided that we would put the money aside for our next Christmas tree with a plaque to dedicate the tree in memory of Carolyn Felts. I can see her spirit singing the Christmas carols every Christmas until the end of time.

I reached out to her daughter who grew up in the neighborhood and she asked that the following lines from her email be added to the Newsletter:

"My mother loved everything about Homestead - well-built homes, great schools, awesome location, block parties, garage sales, tree lightings, and loving, loyal neighbors most of all. She loved being a part of an outstanding community for 46 years. She was very active in the Homestead Woman's Club and Civic League for many years and had many life-time friends in the neighborhood. Rick and I had an amazing childhood with many friends of whom we are still in close contact today. What was so beautiful about Homestead was the support of neighbors in times of sickness or hardship. Whenever anyone was sick, in the hospital, needed extra help, or experienced a loss, neighbors were always there for each other without question or without any expectation of reciprocation. Mom was often asked to lead the caroling at the annual Tree Lighting, and we are proud of the legacy of loyalty of her neighbors and community. We're blessed to see so much support through contributions to the Civic League in her memory. We often drive through Homestead, and every time we do, we're flooded with happy memories on every street and corner. We are blessed beyond words for our life and our mother's life in Homestead. Thank you for the outpouring of love for her and our family. We are grateful." Janet Carter.

I know her Mom will be missed, but she will never be forgotten!



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.

Fireworks

By Chris Medlin

New Year's Eve and Fourth of July are often replete with fireworks and we expect them. However, school and work nights in the middle of January catch little puppies and school children off guard. Some folks request that these activities be relegated to appropriate times. Those early risers off to work also agree. Let us all work to be considerate of our neighbors. Thank you.



Household Discards and Lawn Debris

Few Homesteaders would argue about our neighborhood being one of the best in Virginia Beach or even the whole U.S. It is peaceful, safe and attractive. Frequently, visitors comment on Homestead's "Norman Rockwell" appearance. However, occasionally, a few forget about keeping Homestead neat and clean looking.

Usually, such lapses occur when someone places household discards and/or lawn debris at the curb before either Thursday night or Friday morning. Discarded household items are unsightly and when they appear curbside on Saturday or Sunday for a Friday collection, some folks become irritated at having to look at them. They really don't want to see that junk all week. Yard waste at the curb before Friday morning can also be an irritant.

Household items are collected by the City on the regular trash collection day. Call 385-4650 or go online to www.vbgov.com/pw at least 24 hours before the regular collection day. Ask for a special item pickup. Your neighbors will be happy you did.



Why Is Bicycle Safety So Important?



It's a beautiful day – the sun is shining, the birds are chirping. What could be more perfect than a bike ride? But wait! Before you pull your bike out of the garage, let's find out how to stay safe on two wheels.

Bike riding is a lot of fun, but accidents happen. The safest way to use your bike is for transportation, not play. Every year, about 300,000 kids go to the emergency department because of bike injuries, and at least 10,000 kids have injuries that require a few days in the hospital. Some of these injuries are so serious that children die, usually from head injuries.

For more information, visit <https://kidshealth.org/en/kids/bike-safety.html>

Arrivals and Departures

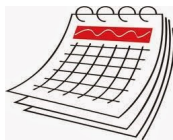
Arrivals - Welcome to our new neighbors:

Jim & Thana Perkins of Old Providence Rd., Terry & Tamara Walker of W. Goodview Dr., and Michele Wright and Yoshi Smith of Whitehurst Landing Rd.

Mark Your Calendar

Next civic league meeting:

Tuesday March 12, 7 pm
Providence Presbyterian Church



Visit Homestead's website to enjoy color photos of past Homestead events.
<http://homesteadinvabeach.org/>



Member

2019

Civic League Membership and Neighborhood Watch Information

Hi Neighbors!

Looking forward to seeing some of you at my door delivering your \$7 membership dues! The little black mailbox next to my front door is locked for your deliveries. If that's inconvenient, don't hesitate to mail it.

Our dues are working hard to provide the annual events; the most popular being the block party for the kids and of course, Mr. and Mrs. Santa at Ron Harriman's house after singing Christmas Carols around our entry tree. Our neighborhood yard sale could always use some more homes joining into the mix. Our bake sale during that event was a big success. It gave our Civic League a little extra cash to provide more services, like lawn care at our entry and spraying for the persistent bag worms infesting our Christmas tree during the summer.

CIVIC LEAGUE MEETINGS ARE WANTING MORE OF OUR NEWCOMERS TO ATTEND OUR 6 MEETINGS A YR!!!! They are always posted via signs at Homestead entries and on our website. Meetings are very informative and short. They're held at the large Presbyterian Church right on Old Providence Road; within walking distance.

Let's do a good job delivering our dues to my house so our volunteers at the end of the collection period don't have to knock on too many doors. THANK YOU



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- ☐ My neighborhood directory listing is not correct. It should be edited to read as printed above, **OR**
- ☐ I don't know whether or not my directory listing is correct. It should read as printed above.

Please check one:

- ☐ Enclosed is my check, or cash, for \$_____.
- ☐ I don't want to join but am forwarding my information for the Neighborhood Watch Program.

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