



The Homesteader

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

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NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

Changing of the Guard

By Chris Medlin

After many years at the helm of Homestead's vibrant civic league, Karen Nuskiewicz will step down at the end of 2018. Karen developed and strengthened many civic league amenities residents currently enjoy. Her strong administrative skills provided the structure for activities such as updated directories, regular meetings with all the behind the scenes details, welcoming newcomers, keeping data on home sales, and dealing with problem properties. Additionally, her IT skills and attention to detail have made our civic league one of the best.

As we plan to continue her exemplary work, your help is needed. There are those who are willing to perform some duties. However, we need a person willing to step into the welcoming role and an IT person who will keep the databases up to date. Individuals with warm and willing personalities would make excellent "welcomers" and the time commitment is small. If you are an IT wizard, we would like to invite you to join the team. For more information, contact Gary or Christine Medlin at gmedlindd822@gmail.com or cmmedlin8491@gmail.com.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW for our special events. The next newsletter publishes in November; which is AFTER the yard sale and block party, so you won't have another newsletter reminder. However, the information is available 24/7 on the website.

Yard Sale & Bake Sale

By Chris Medlin

This year Christine Medlin will coordinate the yard sale. Save September 8th as the date and September 15th as the rain date. Please consider donating items to the general civic league table at the bake sale tent. This is your way to show support for the efforts of civic league volunteers who will keep the day running smoothly. All items welcome. Please mark a suggested price on the donated items. This will be very helpful. Volunteers are needed to assist at the civic league table. Please contact Christine for more information at cmmedlin8491@gmail.com or 361-5826. This is a great way to meet your neighbors and enjoy the day. Watch for a reminder flyer in August, and consider that clean-out today!

Homestead has great bakers and we look for their support. Please donate baked treats for sale during the yard sale. During the yard sale Christine will need helpers to assist with the bake sale. Please let her know what you plan to contribute and how you can be of assistance. If you are an early riser, she will also need a "donut runner" to pick up those delightful Krispy Kremes.

2018 Annual Events Calendar

EVENT	DATE	TIME
Community Yard Sale	September 8 <i>rain date: 9/15</i>	8 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Block Party	October 13 <i>rain date: 10/20</i>	3 p.m. - 6 p.m.
Holiday Front Entrance Decorating	December 1	1 p.m.
Tree lighting and reception at the Harriman's	December 3	7 p.m.

Civic League Representatives:

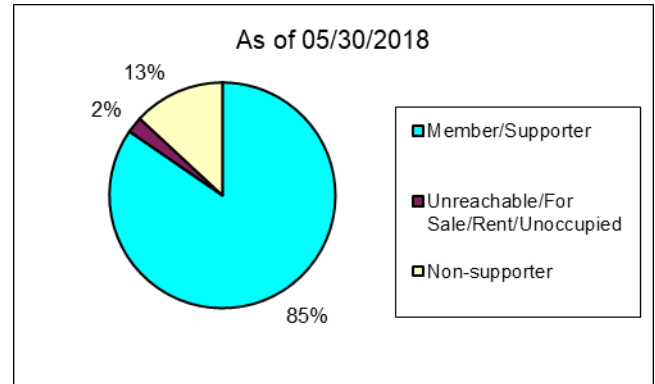
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Membership Drive Results

By Ginger Boyer

Congratulations to our residents.
Your treasury gained \$1,481 during the membership drive.

Thank you to our 181 member-households, for your support and interest in our Civic League. We can't run the league without your donations. Again, it pays for maintenance of the front entry, neighborhood directory, newsletters, flyers, neighborhood yard sale, neighborhood block party, using the church for our Civic League meetings, training of our volunteers for Neighborhood Watch, and more. That's a lot of projects for your \$7/year. I do want to mention that we had quite a few residents increase the amount of their donations and for that we are grateful.



GARY MEDLIN MIKE RHEINHART GLENDA WINDSTEAD MARTHA WRIGHT

The above Homesteaders are volunteers who went door to door to collect unpaid dues as of the first week of April. To say the least they were relentless in doing their street assignments by leaving notes and phoning residents.

Looking forward to seeing all of you at our civic meeting. Watch for upcoming dates on the front entrance bulletin board, posted yard signs, on the website, or on Nextdoor.

To all our great residents I thank you for your support and generosity.



Thanks to eleven pairs of hands, quick work was made of getting the front entrance in shape for summer.

This year's landscapers were: Will Harris (Brantley Harris), Mike Rheinhart, Bruce Baker, Betty Banaag, Todd McGovern, Mary Glynn, Ginger Boyer, Mike Windstead, Jim Glynn, Ray Nuzskiewicz, and Linda McGovern.

Thanks to Kristen Harris for stopping by to take the picture.

Arrivals, Departures, and Neighborhood Directory Updates

WELCOME! To our new neighbors:

John & Crystal Adkins of Old Homestead Ln., Dylan & Heather Caves, of Hillview Blvd., and Mike & Monica Paulsen, whose new home on Homeward Dr. brought the number of houses in Homestead to 214.

FAREWELL

Marie Emenaker passed away in February, Korean War veteran, Larry Pugh, passed away in March, and Beverly Nye passed away in May.

Neighborhood Watch Block Captains

By Gary Medlin

Homestead is a Neighborhood Watch neighborhood. We achieved Watch status when more than 50% of us agreed to keep alert to activities in our neighborhood and to call the police at 385-5000 if we observe anything suspicious. In other words, we agreed to watch out for each other. Another requirement was that 15% of homes had to have someone trained by the police. We had 19% trained. Finally, all homes had to be assigned Block Captains.

Captains act as liaisons between residents and the Neighborhood Watch coordinator, hand out crime prevention literature, and act as crime prevention resources. The following individuals have agreed to serve as your Block Captains.

Bruce Baker—East and West Goodview Drive
 Ryan Davis—Old Homestead Lane
 Jessie Dukes—Fireside Lane and Court
 Mike Rheinhart—Westward Drive
 Mike Winstead—North Sunland Drive
 Gary Medlin—Hillview Blvd. and Court,
 Homeward Drive
 Rex Zerby—Old Providence Road,
 Whitehurst Landing Road

These folks will help you keep our neighborhood safe.

∞ 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.

Civic League Elections

By Jesse Dukes and Mike Winstead

Every two years Homesteaders elect civic league officers. In December the terms of the current officers will end; and it's time to solicit nominations for the 2019-2020 term. These officers will assume their duties on January 1st, 2019.

Some of our current officers may choose not to run again. We need new neighbors or old to step up and help make our civic league remain one of the best run leagues in the city. Our current officers have done an excellent job. We hope our neighbors will step up and fill these important positions. Without your participation, it will be very hard to continue our years of excellent service to our neighbors. The slate of officers will be presented at the September 11th meeting and elections will be held during the November 13th meeting. Nominations from the floor will be accepted at both meetings.

Offices and a brief description:

President - Preside at all meetings of the Civic League. Appoint Committee chairpersons.

Vice-President - Assume the duties of the President in his/her absence, assume the duties of the Treasurer in his/her absence. Coordinate distribution of hardcopy communications.

Secretary - Record and file the attendance and minutes of all Civic League meetings.

Treasurer - Administer the Civic League's financial matters, keep complete and accurate records and submit a written treasurer's report at every meeting.

For more information or to submit a nomination, contact:

Mike Winstead: dmwinstead@verizon.net, 424-9380
 Jesse Dukes: denisengirls@yahoo.com, 407-8318

Frequently
Asked
Question

Can I park my recreational equipment (RV, boat, jet ski, camper, etc.) at my residence?

Excerpts from Section 16-4.2 Parking and storage of recreational equipment. Zoning Ordinance of the Virginia Beach City Code:

Such equipment shall be parked or stored within a building, or behind every plane of a structure that is substantially parallel to and facing the public right of way. *

They cannot be parked on an empty residential lot.

They cannot be parked in the public street or right-of-way for more than three hours.

You may not use recreational equipment for living, sleeping, or house keeping, except in locations lawfully established for such use.

*Basically, it has to be parked behind the front of the house.

https://library.municode.com/va/virginia_beach/codes/code_of_ordinances

Proposed Change to ByLaws

By Karen Nuskiewicz

Proposed Change: That the Addendum paragraph (below) be deleted in its entirety, and the Homestead boundaries map be placed in its stead.

"These published ByLaws of the Homestead Civic League omit the Addendum. The addendum is available only to members of the Homestead Civic League."

The Addendum is the map found in your hardcopy Neighborhood Directory. Historically, that map has been available to civic league members only, and it is not available in the online ByLaws document.

Why Make the Change?

Technological advances - digital maps are instantly available.

No justification for trying to keep the neighborhood's boundaries a secret.

Prospective buyers can see what homes are part of Homestead. Two houses for sale on N side of Old Providence advertised as being part of Homestead Subdivision although they are not. I've also seen listings, in the Saturday real estate sales section, of homes listed as being in Homestead but they're nowhere near our zip code! Prospective buyers or other interested parties would be able to verify that a property is located in Homestead.

Having been duly announced and published, members will vote on the proposed change on July 10th.

Voter Information:

Call (757-385-5632) or visit the registrar's office for voter information:

<https://www.vbgov.com/government/departments/voter-registrar/Pages/default.aspx>



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