



# The Homesteader

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

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## NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

### GREAT LOSS TO HOMESTEAD

Firefighter, friend, helper, colleague, husband are terms that help describe a person we in Homestead shall miss. Our dear friend Mike (aka Dennis) Winstead departed our neighborhood for the last time on May 12.

Mike was a special person to Homestead and to all who were fortunate enough to know him. He and Glenda were residents of the neighborhood for over 40 years and during that time Mike did more than most. At one time or another, he served as Civic League treasurer, nominations committee chair, newsletter deliverer and much more. Additionally, he made sure that all Homestead kids from nine months to 90 years old, were treated to climbing on a firetruck and talking with firefighters during the neighborhood block parties. And when he was not with his fellow firefighters at the parties, Mike was flipping burgers.

Even when Mike was ill with the disease that would take him from us, he found the strength to help work on the neighborhood front entrance, to decorate the Christmas tree and to serve hot chocolate at the holiday party. His example was one few of us could match.

Much of Mike's strength came from his partner in life, Glenda. As time took a toll on Mike's ability to do the physical neighborhood tasks he performed for years, Glenda stepped in and did them. As Mike would say if he were here, "She's one in a million."

So were you Mike. So were you.

Just wanted to say thank you to the Civic League for the Beautiful Flower arrangement ; And to the entire neighborhood for the transportation to and from Dr. Appointments, Hospital tests, the food supplied, and for their thoughts, cards, and well wishes. It was very much appreciated. What a wonderful community in which we live !



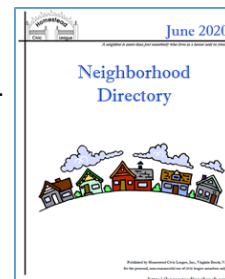
Glenda Winstead



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### 2020 NEIGHBORHOOD DIRECTORY

Information included in these listings is provided by residents during the membership drive and Welcoming Committee visits. Only civic league members receive a copy of the neighborhood directory. If one is not included with this newsletter, your household's record shows 2020 dues was not paid. If you have questions about your membership status or would like to join, contact Karen at [kdl10@yahoo.com](mailto:kdl10@yahoo.com). Corrections to your listing may also be sent to Karen for inclusion in the November newsletter.



### NEXT CIVIC LEAGUE MEETING?

The July general meeting was cancelled due to Coronavirus issues. Stay informed with the Nextdoor app, where updates will be posted.

All residents are invited to email Chris Medlin, HCL president at [cmedlin8491@gmail.com](mailto:cmedlin8491@gmail.com) with any agenda requests.

Congratulations

2020 Graduates



### 2020 DATES TO REMEMBER

Yard Sale and Bake Sale	September 12th Rain date September 19th
Block Party	October 3rd Rain date October 10th
Holiday Party	December 7th

### Civic League Representatives:

Chris Medlin, President ..... 361-5826  
Karen Nuskiewicz, Vice President .. 424-5657  
Donna Zerby, Treasurer ..... 747-9688  
Lauren Arlaud, Secretary ..... 675-5659  
Carrie Smaha, Webmaster ..... 773-9038  
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<http://homesteadinvabeach.org/>

## VP's VOICE

- The membership drive, which runs from February through April, wrapped up with a lower than normal participation rate. There are 214 households in Homestead. 166 submitted dues payments, which equates to a 77% membership rate. While nothing to sneeze at, our average membership over the past 14 years is 87%. I hope next year will be a better year for all, and that more residents will be willing and able to support our little civic group.
- Election of civic league officers happens this November. I'd love to see some of the next-generation younger homeowners come help out us old timers. Got skills to offer? Pitch in. When deciding what's important... is *where you live* a top priority?
- I'd like to get your feedback on the neighborhood directory. It's a labor-intensive, expensive publication. Is it still relevant? Have you/do you use it? For what? There may be some interesting stories to share. Please send me your comments at [kdl10@yahoo.com](mailto:kdl10@yahoo.com).

## KUDOS:

We live in one of those friendly neighborhoods where there often are people to whom we wish to express gratitude:

- Membership dues coordinator, Ginger Boyer, and her helpers: Chris Medlin, Ryan Davis, Mike Rheinhart, and Karen Nuskiewicz.
- Volunteers who came out on June 13<sup>th</sup> to spruce up the front entrance island included Chris LaLonge, Chris Medlin, Mike Rheinhart, Rex and Donna Zerby, and Ray and Karen Nuskiewicz. They made up for the fact that the maintenance was delayed by six weeks and had it looking good again in under two hours.
- Our new membership database administrator is Anne Harriman. She accepted the task and expanded the data capture so folks could list additional numbers.
- All our civic league members. It is because of your support, HCL continues to function.
- All our civic league volunteers. It is because of your efforts, HCL exists.

## ARRIVALS

Welcome our new neighbors:

Jake & Cydney McGarry of West Goodview Drive, Noah & Kristin Claytor of fireside Lane, John & Crystal Adkins of Old Homestead Lane, Daniel Price of Hillview Blvd., Ted & Tammy Cramer of N Sunland Drive, and Daniel & Sharon Aparis of Homeward Drive

## DEPARTURES

Marjory Miles, of Homestead Lane



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

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## 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 street light outages, 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

(Electronic 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/epro.aspx>

### Nextdoor.com

- A private communication App for your neighborhood and a great way to stay informed of events and issues occurring around your community

### ReportIt

- FREE remote property inventory system
- Provides you with a convenient location to keep a secure, online record of your valuable property to include serial numbers, pictures of jewelry, high dollar electronics, scanned receipts, etc.

<https://reportit.leadsonline.com>



# Ready for Spring Cleanup?

Virginia Beach Fire Department Life Safety Office

**VIRGINIA BEACH** - This month starts another “greening of the grounds” ... another “coloring of the chlorophyll”... another “sneezing of the sinuses” and it all means that “spring has sprung”. It’s that time of year when plans are starting to be made in figuring out what to do to tidy up the house and/or office. Spring puts thoughts in our minds that all of the excess storage (attic, garage, and any other “cubbyhole” you may have) needs to be taken care of. We, at the Life Safety Office of the Virginia Beach Fire Department, want to help you in ensuring that your home is safe from fire. The following “fire safety tips” will help you in that direction:

- Eliminate cluttered areas (stacks of newspapers, recyclables, etc.)
- Remove all combustibles from around heat sources (water heaters, heating and A/C units, etc.)
- Hazardous materials (gasoline, paint thinners, pesticides, motor oil, etc.) must be disposed of properly. Contact the Waste Management office at 385-4650.
- Virginia Beach allows disposal of appliances (such as washers, dryers, refrigerators, etc.). Again, call them to find out.
- To help prevent overheating of your window air conditioning unit, have it recharged and checked out by an authorized contractor. Don’t forget to remove and wash the filters in mild soapy water and let them completely dry before putting them back in.

For your central air-conditioning unit, check for debris and obstructions. Vacuum the main condenser coil on top of the unit. - Make sure your exhaust fans are clean and clear. - Remove lint buildup from the clothes dryer vent, both hose and outside vent. - Remove ashes from wood-burning stoves as well as fireplaces. Inspect all moving parts and gaskets to make sure that they seal tight. - Dust walls and ceilings to remove cobwebs and dust buildup.

Did You Know...

- ...that you should periodically clean under and behind your stove?
- ...that you should vacuum the coils on the back of your refrigerator?
- ...that you should check your smoke alarms every month?
- ...that keeping outdoor debris away from the house can reduce fires around the house?
- ...that if you compost, it should be done away from the house, not under your deck?



## EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS: KNOW YOUR NEIGHBORS

An important part of community preparedness happens at the neighborhood level. In many emergencies, such as hurricanes, blizzards, floods or tornadoes, traditional first responders might not be able to reach a community for many days. Having plans in place and encouraging neighbors to get to know neighbors are key. Neighbors being familiar with one another's strengths and vulnerabilities can influence survival outcomes, as very often, neighbors will be the first responders in an emergency. This is especially important to elders whose family members live out of town. Giving contact information to a neighbor you trust can be especially important when a crisis strikes.

## 2020 CENSUS

Have you responded to the 2020 Census? As of April 13th, 48% of households in America had. It's easy to respond by mail, phone, or online and only takes a few minutes. Remember, the census data is used to guide hundreds of billions of dollars in public and private sector spending for the next 10 years.

In light of the COVID-19 outbreak, the Census Bureau will resume field data collection operations in June following CDC guidelines. Be sure to respond to the census. It will make a difference to YOUR community!



## SUMMER ASSISTANCE COOLING PROGRAM

Communications Manager Barbara Morrison, Virginia  
Beach City Manager's Office

The Department of Human Services will begin accepting applications for the Cooling Assistance Program on June 15 until the program ends on Aug. 15. The program provides financial assistance for the purchase or repair of cooling equipment and/or payment of an electric bill to operate cooling equipment.

To be eligible, a household must contain at least one vulnerable individual who is:

- Less than 6-years-old, or
- More than 60-years-old, or
- Disabled

In addition, households must:

- Be in Virginia Beach
- Have a cooling expense responsibility
- Provide a copy of their current electric bill
- Not exceed earned and unearned income limits

Applications can be completed online at [www.CommonHelp.Virginia.gov](http://www.CommonHelp.Virginia.gov), by phone at 1-855-635-4370, or printed off the Human Services Financial Assistance webpage and left in the outside drop box at our main building at 3432 Virginia Beach Blvd. Applications will be available online beginning June 15.

**Reporting An Outdoor Lighting Concern**  
Street lights out near your home? Dominion Energy will need your information on an e-form. Go to: [dominionenergy.com/outages/streetlight-outages/outdoor-lighting-email-form](http://dominionenergy.com/outages/streetlight-outages/outdoor-lighting-email-form).

## ADVERTISE WITH US

Commercial advertisements will be considered for publication in The Homesteader on a first come, first served basis, space permitting. Commercial ad rates are listed below and apply to any person or entity that has a business license for the service or product being advertised.

Ad Size	Cost for 1 Issue	Cost for 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.



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**Got Questions? Get Answers!**  
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