



The Homesteader

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

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NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

HOLIDAY PARTY - December 4th

*Time, again, to spread holiday cheer;
Our final gathering for the year.
While each child gets a handmade treat,
Come sing, come talk, come mingle; and, eat!*

Only in Homestead can you enjoy a holiday gathering that offers up one-of-a-kind handmade ornaments. Courtesy of Ron Harriman, these collectibles are available to Homestead children as he hosts our holiday celebration again on **Monday, December 4th**. This year children will even have a choice of colors; as Ron has painted the ornaments in 7 different colors! Each ornament is hand crafted from scratch; no two are exactly alike. At 91 years old, Ron's steady hands and sharp eyes still lovingly create these tokens of affection.

Bring a flashlight and gather at the front entrance at 7:00 p.m., where we'll light the tree and sing some Christmas carols before heading over to Ron's house. As neighbors enjoy hot chocolate, edible treats, and each other's company, Ron will give each child one of his handmade ornaments. Mr. & Mrs. Claus will be there, too, so you might want to bring a camera to take advantage of the photo opportunity.



2017 Donkey Ornament

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH & CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

By Chris Medlin

For the past several months a group of Homestead neighbors have worked to develop a Neighborhood Watch program. To date, we have recruited 110 "watchers" and the next required goal is to have at least 20 additional people attend a police officer led training session. Some have trained previously. For the convenience of all, the police department coordinators of the Division of Crime Prevention have agreed to send an officer to Providence Presbyterian Church on **Saturday, December 9th** for our final (and we hope crowded) training session.

This is a worthwhile effort. We are all busy and we all want a safe neighborhood for children and families. Please save the date. The event will include a continental breakfast and a meet and greet from 8:30 to 9:00 a.m. followed by the program from 9:00 AM to 10:30 AM. We are requesting that you register for the program by December 1. Contact me or Gary at cmedlin8491@gmail.com or gmed-lindd822@gmail.com, or call us at 361-5826. If you need more information or you would like to help with the event, please contact me.

Let us all work together to keep Homestead crime free and full of neighbors who care! We hope to see you there! Thank you to all who help make this possible.



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<http://homesteadinvabeach.org/>

FRONT ENTRANCE HOLIDAY DECOR

On Saturday, **December 2nd**, we'll meet at the front entrance at 1:00 p.m. to deck our walls with holiday décor and adorn the tree with lights. No experience necessary; just show up at 1:00.



Visit our website to see lots of great color photos, showcasing our most recent events. Seventy-six pictures of the October block party are online now for your viewing fun. If you were there, you're probably in a picture.

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BLOCK PARTY

By Karla Drake

October 15th was the annual Homestead Block Party. Thank you to everyone for being understanding and flexible as we made the decision to have it on Sunday due to bad weather on Saturday. Everyone came together so that it seemed as though we actually planned it that way. It turned out to be a great choice as we were fortunate to have a beautiful day with lots of sun and warm temperatures, which made 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, Ray Nuskiewicz, and Mike Winstead. 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.

Lots of children lined up to have their faces painted into a variety of different fun and interesting images that kept our clown, Goody Gumdrops, quite busy.

We had a great turn out 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 Jesse Dukes and his teammate, Eric Armstrong. The 17 and Under category had only 1 team this year, so we did not have a 17 and Under tournament. Hopefully we'll have more interest next year. Congratulations to the prize winners.



Ten lucky Homestead residents took home cakes won from the cake walk, and many residents were lucky winners in our cash door prize drawings. Plus, 5 lucky winners took home one of Ron's Harriman's hand made donations as door prizes: a beautifully detailed hand carved swan, a lovely picture in a frame and several of his famous, handmade Christmas ornaments. 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. 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, Ginger Boyer, Mary Glynn, Donna Zerby, Kathy Rheinhart, Courtney Mickiewicz, Mike and Glenda Winstead and anyone who volunteered to help keep us on track that we may have forgotten to mention and the Block Party Committee members who pulled it altogether. The Block Party Committee members are Jim and Mary Glynn, Karen and Ray Nuskiewicz, Gary Medlin, Mike Rheinhart, Mike Winstead, Jesse and Denise Dukes, Donna and Rex Zerby and Darren and Karla Drake.



RECYCLING 101: DOs AND DON'Ts FOR THE BIG BLUE BIN

By Pam Clements

If you've ever wondered if that item is really recyclable, check out the FAQs on Tidewater Fiber's Website. <http://www.tfc recycling.com/community-education/recycling-guide>

Most common items include junk mail, phone books, mixed papers, newspapers, aluminum foil, pie pans, metal lids, glass jars, cardboard and chipboard, #1 and #2 plastics (bottle shaped plastic with a neck) and aluminum, steel and tin cans.

Shred It, Don't Spread It: Tips for Recycling Shredded Paper

Place it in a paper bag and staple it closed and mark the bag "Shredded Paper". If loose shredded paper is put into the recycle bin then it creates a confetti-like problem for our environment. Cross-Shredded paper is not recyclable and should be repurposed or placed in your trash can.

<http://homesteadinvabeach.org/>

YARD SALE

By Lieske Navarre

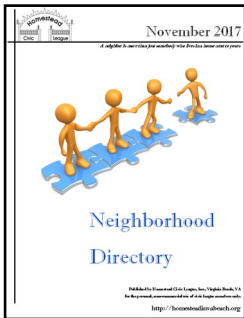
Hello, Homestead! It was a gorgeous day of perfect weather Saturday for the annual Yard Sale and Bake Sale. Almost 50 homes participated with lovely treasures to sell, from clothes and children's toys to antiques and furniture. At the Bake Sale, we raised several hundred dollars towards our October Block Party, Holiday Tree Lighting, Front Entrance maintenance, the printing of directories and newsletters, and other services the Civic League provides.

Thank you so much to all the bakers who made and wrapped their goodies for sale. We wouldn't have a Bake Sale without you! Thank you also to the volunteers who staff the tables, help with set up and take down, and generously lend the use of their tables, coolers, and canopy; the Drakes, the Winsteads, the Nuskiewiczzs, the Zerby's, and the Navarres. Thank you to everyone who participated and made this another great event for Homestead!



Volunteers: Lieske Navarre, Jason Navarre, and Donna Zerby

NEW, UPDATED NEIGHBORHOOD DIRECTORY



Along with this newsletter, all civic league members will receive a new directory. If you did not receive a directory, our dues collection records show the \$7.00 payment for 2017 as unpaid. Contact Karen Nuskiewicz at kdl10@yahoo.com if you have any questions about, or edits to, the directory or your membership information.



Member

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.



SHOUT OUTS

I would like to give a shout out to Darren and Karla Drake and their minions who once again pulled off a wonderful Block Party. Thanks to all who rolled up their sleeves to give us a wonderful afternoon of good food, fellowship and fun! Each of you make Homestead an awesome neighborhood in which to live. -By Mary Glynn

During the September Yard Sale, some of our neighbors stopped by the Bake Sale and donated some of their sales proceeds to the civic league. Thank you for your extra effort and donations to the league's activities. -By Karen Nuskiewicz



ARRIVALS, DEPARTURES, AND DIRECTORY UPDATES

Arrivals:

WELCOME! To our new neighbors: Christopher & Kathy Dameron of Homeward Dr., Hal & Lindsey Carter of N. Sunland Dr., Gary & Jessica Fearer of E. Goodview Dr., and Efrain Rodriguez of W. Goodview Dr.

∞ 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.

Departures:

None



WRITERS WELCOME

Did you read something in the newsletter that bugged you? Does a special neighbor need recognition? Do you have an opinion, observation or idea about Homestead that needs to be in print? If so, write an article for the newsletter.



HOMESTEAD REDISENTS DATABASE

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 information for the neighborhood directory, continuing Neighborhood Watch requirements, and dues collection. 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, please contact me at kdl10@yahoo.com.

HALLOWEEN DELIGHT

By Mary Glynn

What a treat it was sitting outside Halloween night enjoying the sights of little ones dressed in their wonderful costumes. There were princesses, pirates, elephants, T-Rexs and mermaids to name a few who were running from house to house with such delight as they received their sugar rewards. The best part of all this was the knowledge that the majority of these goblins were children from our own neighborhood. Homestead is drawing more young families into the fold and nothing is sweeter than watching these young'uns grow up and maybe, just maybe, they too will become home owners in Homestead.



Who's that guy with the sprayer tank; and, what's he doing? That's Ray Nuskiewicz spraying rust remover on the front entrance brick walls in June. He also power washed them in October. THANKS RAY! Also, appreciation goes out to the Morris family on Hillview Blvd. who provided the water source for the power washer.

There is no "I" in Team, but we sure are glad there is "u" in our volunteers!