

# The Homesteader

## Neighborhood Newsletter

November 2023

### Homestead's Unseen and Unrecognized Helpers

There are neighbors who receive little or no recognition for tasks that help all of us. Two of these tasks are collecting Civic League dues and distributing newsletters.

No one likes to ask for money. However, if the Civic League is to provide services that we all take for granted, it needs monetary support from Homesteaders. People can't be expected to provide that support unless they are asked.

This year the primary asker was Caroline Pilkerton, a woman whose enthusiasm and can-do spirit has helped Homestead in the short time she has been one of our neighbors. She organized and implemented the 2023 dues collection effort, by having collection inserts and self-addressed envelopes placed in newsletters and by following up with notices placed on the doors of those who forgot to respond to the newsletter inserts. This effort provided the vast bulk of the dues collected.

Ultimately, several volunteers went door-to-door to request dues payments from those homes who hadn't responded to either request. Mike Rheinhart, Gary Hamrick, Karen Nuskiewicz, Karen Davis, and Ryan Davis, secured a sufficient amount of funds to boost the household participation rate by 10%. Thank you to those who contributed. And because asking for money is never easy, we owe special thanks to the volunteers who were willing to ask door-to-door.

The second task for which I wish to thank volunteers involves newsletter distribution. The Homesteader Newsletter has been a source of neighborhood information continuously since 1992. However, it doesn't appear on your front door by magic. Someone must deliver it.

Currently, these unrecognized helpers include Karen Davis, Mike Rheinhart, Karen and Ray Nuskiewicz, and Denise Dukes. In the last several years, many have taken on this task and are too numerous to list in this article. However, three put in such great efforts in the past, I must mention their names. They are Ron Harriman, Martha Claytor and Glenda Winstead. Thank you to all past and present newsletter deliverers.

- Gary Medlin

### Stay Connected with Neighborhood Events



**NEXT MEETING**  
**TUESDAY,**  
**NOVEMBER 14TH at 7PM**

Providence Presbyterian Church



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[www.homesteadinvabeach.org](http://www.homesteadinvabeach.org)

*Merry Christmas & Happy Holidays!*



### Local Holiday Events

Garden of Lights  
Norfolk Botanical Gardens  
Starting November 10th

Christmas Town  
Busch Gardens Williamsburg  
Starting November 10th

Holiday Lights at the Beach  
Virginia Beach Boardwalk  
Starting November 17th

37th Grand Illumination Parade  
Downtown Norfolk  
November 18th

For more events visit:  
[hamptonroads.myactivechild.com](http://hamptonroads.myactivechild.com)



**YOU'RE INVITED!!!**

## **HOMESTEAD HOLIDAY PARTY**

**DECEMBER 4<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm**

Let's celebrate the holidays together! Come together with your neighbors at the front entrance to light the tree and sing Christmas Carols and spread holiday cheer. Afterwards we will gather at Ron Harriman's home, our party-host. There you and your family can meet Mr. and Mrs. Claus and enjoy some hot cocoa with marshmallows and homemade treats. Ron will give each family his famous, handmade wooden ornaments, carefully painted and ready to give to his special neighbors and friends.



## **The 2023 Block Party was another great Homestead memory!**

Thank you to Michael Jennings who played music all afternoon adding to all the fun! The kiddos had the opportunity to paint and decorate pumpkins.

Thanks to Charlie, Janie and Lily, art students from Salem High School, the kiddos had caricatures drawn and faces painted.

There was a cake walk, raffle drawn and a cornhole tournament. Thanks go out to Chip Claytor for the amazing BBQ and everyone who brought a dish.

Thanks to Jesse Dukes, there were some great pictures taken. So many volunteers made this a terrific success!

Thanks go out to all of you. Too many to list by name.

- Nancy Sokol





## HOMESTEAD ANNUAL YARDSALE AND BAKE SALE

On September 23rd, Homestead had their annual Yardsale and Bakesale. Even with the cloudy, rainy weather we made it work. While working the Bakesale, a customer reported that on East Goodview, the street was packed and one house had someone making LUMPIA and was giving it out to her customers. YUM!!!! Just from driving around, we had close to 40 houses participating. Some may have given up due to the weather but I think over all we did well.

Our bake sale was a huge success with sales totaling over \$500.00. The only expense we have for this is the costs of the drinks which the leftovers were used up at the block party. This Bakesale is what helps keep our annual dues at \$7.00. Big thank you to all our bakers that worked hard to bake all those yummy cookies, bars, muffins, etc. The big hit that sold really fast was Charlotte Laws' sourdough bread. They were sold in less than an hour and it was yummy!!! We had customers come back for more when they tried some of the yummy treats. Great job everyone!!!!

Also, thank you to all the volunteers that helped work the table and to upsell the baked goods, doughnuts, and drinks. Please go to our Facebook page "Homestead" neighborhood 23464 (Current residents only) to see more pictures of our Yardsale/Bakesale.



### The Yummiest Moose Munch Popcorn Recipe

#### Ingredients

- 26 cups popcorn (roughly)
- 1 cup butter
- 2 cups light brown sugar (packed)
- 1/2 cup light corn syrup
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 1 cup chocolate chips

- Line 2 large cookie sheets with waxed paper and set aside.
- In a medium saucepan, combine butter, brown sugar, corn syrup and salt. Melt over medium heat, stirring continuously.
- Bring to a full boil and let boil for 5 minutes. You do not need to stir this entire time.
- Pour over popcorn and stir to coat well.
- Spread over 2 cookie sheets.
- Melt chocolate chips in the microwave for 40 seconds. Stir and then continue to heat 20 seconds at a time, stirring after each time until completely melted.
- Using a spoon, drizzle over the chocolate over the popcorn.
- Let cool completely and then break into chunks



## WELCOME TO HOMESTEAD!

Your New Neighbors!

Homeward Dr.:  
John & Rita Sparhawks  
Marta Rodriguez

N. Sunland Dr.:  
William Drews & Sydney Kotalik  
Clay Morton

E. Goodview Dr.: Buddy & Veronica Staples

Hillview Blvd.: Kari Jessen

Old Homestead Ln.: Thomas & Rachel Cooke

Departures:

Mr. Marshall Winslow, and Mrs. Gloria Cunningham  
both of N. Sunland Drive



**COMING SOON - UPDATED NEIGHBORHOOD DIRECTORY**

The last time I used my neighborhood directory, this is why!

All civic league members will receive a new directory. Special thanks to everyone who filled out the membership/neighborhood watch form. The form is a major source for keeping your neighborhood directory up to date.

If you have any concerns regarding your listing, contact Karen Nuskiewicz: [kdl10@yahoo.com](mailto:kdl10@yahoo.com) or (757) 424-5657.

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