

The Homesteader

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWSLETTER



Homestead Block Party 2025

Even a little rain couldn't stop the fun! Although we had to postpone our Block Party to Sunday, October 19th, it turned out to be a fantastic day. Over **100 neighbors—adults and kids alike—**came out to enjoy food, fun, and fellowship. We were lucky enough to have a special visit from our local firefighters, and a surprise appearance by the 9/11 Tribute display, which was built for an upcoming 5K race in Virginia Beach on November 16th at 24th Street Park. It was an amazing photo opportunity and a meaningful addition to the day.

The Civic League provided hamburgers and hot dogs, while our talented neighborhood cooks filled the tables with delicious sides and desserts. Classic favorites like the cake walk, Sack race, face painting, and door prizes kept everyone smiling.

It was truly a beautiful day to celebrate our community, reconnect with friends, and welcome new neighbors. A huge thank you to all the volunteers who helped make the event such a success—your time and effort make all the difference!

Check out a few photos from the day!

by Donna Zerby

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Homestead Bake Sale

What a fun and delicious day we had at our neighborhood bake sale! The steady stream of customers made it clear this was going to be a success. Of course, having it in Mr Harriman's garage added to the fun. He really enjoyed visiting with the neighbors. Everyone pitched in to make it special. We had about 30 bakers who baked lots of yummy treats and delicious sourdough bread. I also have to give a shout out to all those who provided tents, chairs, ice, set up and take down. A huge thanks to everyone who made this a success.

We could not have done it without you!

By the end of the day, we raised over \$900.00 to help support plants and lights for the front entrance and support the block party. But beyond the money, the real success was how it brought us all a little closer...

I have done the bake sale for 3 years now and I believe it is time to pass it on to someone else. If anyone is interested, please let me know. It is fun and very rewarding.

by Karen Davis



Homestead Yard Sale – September 13, 2025

This year marked our annual Homestead Yard Sale, and what a success! We had 21 houses participate, and shoppers came from near and far to find treasures and enjoy the day together. One loyal visitor even shared that she travels all the way from the Eastern Shore every year just for our sale! She mentioned that since we added the bake sale years ago, it's become a tradition she looks forward to—and it just wouldn't be the same without it. After the sale, I caught up with Martha Claytor, who said the yard sale is a wonderful excuse to gather her family, clear out things they no longer need, and spend quality time together. She looks forward to it every year—and we couldn't agree more! Thanks to everyone who participated, baked goodies, shopped, or simply came out to say hello. Events like this remind us what makes Homestead such a special place to live!

by Donna Zerby

★ Upcoming Homestead Events

🎄 November 29 – Holiday Decorating Day

Let's get into the holiday spirit together! We'll meet at 1:00 p.m. to decorate the front entrance and get Ron Harriman's home and yard ready for our annual Holiday Party.

Many hands make light work—come help us make everything shine for the arrival of Mr. and Mrs. Claus!

★ December 1 – Annual Homestead Holiday Party

Bundle up, grab a flashlight, and meet your neighbors at the front entrance to light the tree and sing a few Christmas carols. Afterwards, we'll walk together to Ron Harriman's house, where Mr. and Mrs. Claus will be waiting to greet the kiddos and hear their Christmas wishes.

Don't forget your camera—this is a great photo opportunity!

Ron, with the help of Rick Davis, has handcrafted special ornaments for all the children of Homestead.

If you'd like to bring a baked good, please drop it off before 5:00 p.m. or bring it with you when you head up to the front entrance.

Let's make this season merry, bright, and full of community spirit!



Ron's ornament for 2025. He still hand paints these himself. What an amazing human!!!! Thanks for another great ornament, Ron Harriman!

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"This is how America should look"

Quote from Reverend Cecil Chambers
of Richmond

During a visit to the Horton home
on Hillview Boulevard, circa 1970s.

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