



HOMESTEAD HOA NEIGHBORS Winter Newsletter



Landscape Update by Roy Atwood

Winter is here and the highlight of landscapes in the neighborhood becomes the awesome holiday lights. Our landscapes still need attention, however, so they thrive in the Spring. Now is the time to trim trees and thin canopies to allow grass to grow. Also be on the lookout for any mistletoe once the leaves fall. It might be great to get your favorite person to stand under, but it needs to be removed from the trees. Now is also the time to finally remove what did not survive last winter and plant new trees and shrubs. While you may be tempted to turn off irrigation systems, it is still important to water at about 30% of what you water during the heat of the summer. Turf needs an inch of water per month even while dormant and the shrubs and trees also still need water to help them survive any cold snaps. Just remember if you do not have a freeze sensor to turn off the sprinkler system before any below freezing temperatures so we do not turn streets and sidewalks into ice skating rinks. Enjoy the holidays!

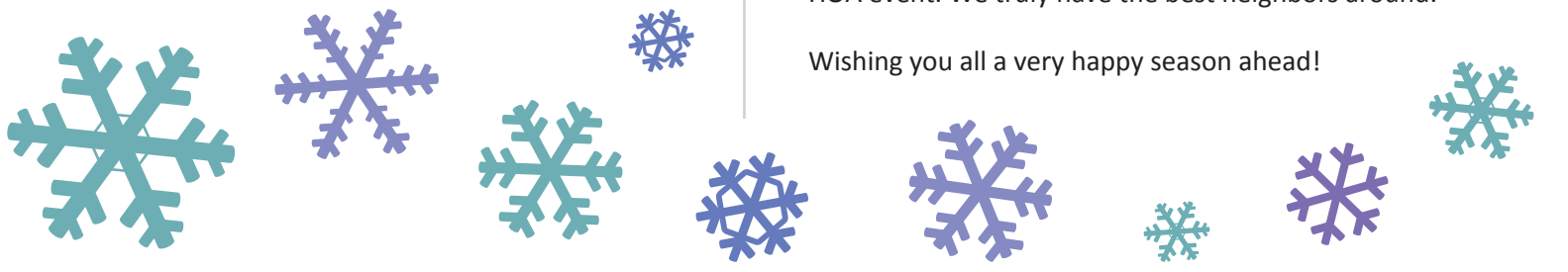
Neighborhood Update by Jill Sparks

Wow, it has been a full few weeks here in the Homestead. Halloween was just as awesome as ever and it was wonderful seeing everyone outside! Fall is finally here and we just enjoyed our annual Fall Festival all together. Many thanks to Sherry Cramer, Allyson Stewart, and all the others who volunteered. I know so many worked together to pull off such a great event and we are SO THANKFUL! I know my family enjoyed the band, chili cook off, petting zoo, and train. Well, actually we loved all of it!

We also have been enjoying our beautiful, newly turfed playground down at Primrose Park. I hope you are all enjoying it as much as I am!

In the Holiday Season we are in, I am just so thankful to have a fantastic, friendly, and beautiful place to live and such lovely people to call my neighbors. If you are new to the neighborhood, welcome! I hope you will take the time to meet your neighbors either out and about, at a New Neighbor Meet and Greet at the Clubhouse, or at another HOA event. We truly have the best neighbors around.

Wishing you all a very happy season ahead!





Get to Know our Board Members!

Each quarter, a board member will be featured for you to get to know the people who serve the neighborhood a little better! This quarter we are featuring Shaw Faghihifar. If you see Shawn around the neighborhood, be sure to give him a shout out!

Q: How long have you lived in the Homestead?

A: My wife, children and I moved here about 20 years ago. Since then, my children have grown up and moved on, and now my mother in-law is living with us and keeping us company.

Q: What do you love most about the community?

A: I love the way everyone helps one another and shares things with each other. It is the selflessness of people that makes us a community and I am so proud to be a part of it.

Q: What made you want to volunteer to serve on the HOA board?

A: For a long time, I benefited from others serving and helping shape our community. I just wanted to take part in it and contribute.

Q: What neighborhood event are you most excited about?

A: I love all of them, but I had to pick one, it would be one on the 4th of July.



Garden Information

Hello Neighbors,

Many Homestead neighbors participate or may be aware of the "Grow and Share" community garden located adjacent to the east entrance to our neighborhood.

This garden is a ministry of the Norkirk Presbyterian Church – and is NOT part of the Homestead HOA. The ministry includes sharing produce with local food banks. The individual plots are 'rented' by individual gardeners – and THEY determine who they share with.

It seems some people (maybe from our neighborhood?) come to the garden and help themselves to produce that belongs to individual gardeners. Please don't do this.

Please do not harvest produce from the Community Garden without advance permission.

This garden is NOT open for anyone to come in and pick whatever they want, nor is the compost / mulch available to be taken by anyone who wants it – this is private property of a non-profit ministry.

Everyone is welcome to participate, and please do come visit – BUT – please don't be confused that the "community" part of the name means anyone in the community are invited to come in and harvest someone else's produce that they are working to grow.

Please get permission from the individual gardener first – then only "help yourself" to what they indicate belongs to them.

Thank you for your consideration.

Ty Albright

Social Committee Update by Rusty Nedjl

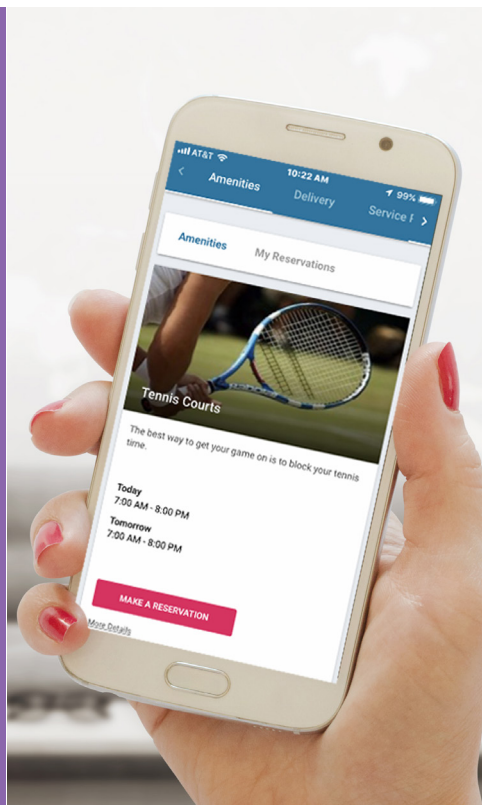
Thanks to all of the volunteers and to Allison Huntley and Sherry Cramer for organizing a fantastic Fall Festival. Also, thank you to Craig Phelan and the other cooks for bringing their amazing chilis to be shared by everyone. I don't believe there was much left over food because all brought their chilis to win. And thank you to Rich Greger and the other musicians for the Patriot and Polka music. And finally to Dan Huntley for the amazing pictures of the event which you can see here: <https://fab05.smugmug.com/Events/Homestead-Fall-Festival-2021>

The Homestead Band will be playing Christmas Carols around the neighborhood closer to Christmas. Please reach out to Rich Greger if you would be interested in joining, whether that is playing an instrument, singing or just tagging along. You can contact Rich via email at rjgreger@gmail.com

Another Manly Men event is being "organized" for December 11th at the clubhouse. Bring a six pack of beer to share and some food and enjoy some holiday downtime with your neighbors.

Finally, we will again host our Annual Polar Bear Plunge at the Pool at 2PM on January 1st. May the weather be cold and clear! We will have hot chocolate and food as well. Pictures from a previous year are available at <https://fab05.smugmug.com/Events/Homestead-2020-Polar-Plunge/>

Look for reminders in the Discuss List for all of the above events



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