



HOMESTEAD HOA NEIGHBORS WINTER NEWSLETTER

President's Report, Jill Sparks

Hey, fellow Homestead families! What an amazing fall it's turning out to be. The leaves are turning and the neighborhood looks beautiful. As we enter a time of family and holiday celebrations, the board thought it would be a great time to give back to our community. We chose Families to Freedom, a nonprofit created by a fellow homeowner who has tirelessly served this community and formerly served as its board director and president.

Sarah Nedjl, Founder and Executive Director of Families to Freedom, shares more about her organization's efforts:

Families to Freedom provides long-distance transportation services to victims and their children experiencing domestic abuse. These life-saving services include car rides to emergency shelters, road trips to family homes in other states, multi-state bus tickets and fuel assistance for relocation.

Families to Freedom serves over 550 victims and children each year and relies on the generous support of the community to provide these services at no cost.

For more information visit www.familiestofreedom.org.

How can we help?

Between December 9-15, you can drop off donations of unopened snacks to the porch at 3825 Cemetery Hill Rd. A donation box and donation receipts will be available for anyone who'd like one.

Snack ideas include granola bars, packaged chips, pop-tarts, juice boxes, chewing gum, etc. Think grab and go items.

Thank you for helping our community GIVE BACK!

**Happy Holidays to you all,
Jill Sparks
HOA Board President**

HOA Projects Aug 2019

Completed

- Irrigation repairs
- Primrose Gazebo: Paint & new metal benches

Ongoing or Upcoming

- The community pool gate is being addressed

Landscape Update

As noted in the August newsletter, Sunset Landscapes took over the servicing on September 1. Thank you for your patience during this transition period.

Upcoming Events

Pictures & Cookies with Santa!

Saturday, December 14

Clubhouse starting at noon

Photographer: Dan Huntley (free)

Pictures with family pets are also welcome.

Register today to help with headcount, take photos (5-minute intervals) or to bring milk and cookies.

Visit, <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a084da9ac2ba6f49-pictures>

Questions? Contact/Organizer **Shari Pallant** at

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Manly Man Event (Ty Albright)

December (date and times TBD)

Check your email for updates.

Polar Bear Plunge, Rusty Nejd

Wednesday, Jan 1

Clubhouse/Pool at 2 p.m.

Whether you're taking the plunge or watching on the sidelines, it's going to be a great time!

Other Ideas For Future Newsletters?

Contact John Waida at waida@yahoo.com or call 214.402.6571.

Social Events Updates, Rusty Nejd

Thank you to **Wendy Hyink** and **Craig Phelan** for organizing an amazing Fall Festival, the HOA Board for the 20th anniversary cake, and **Rich Gregor** and **The Homestead Band** for providing the music!

This was by far the most amazing Fall Festival I've seen in my 10+ years of living in the Homestead; I saw so many new faces delighted by the event.

We still have **Pictures & Cookies with Santa**; rumors of another **Manly Men** event scheduled before the end of the year and a **Women's Luncheon** in January! Be sure to check your email for more information.

We're also planning our 3rd annual **Polar Bear Plunge** on New Year's Day. Who do you think will stay in the pool the longest? Is it Kathy Amos or Lance Moore? Only one way to find out!

And if you're scared to take the plunge, bring refreshments, take pictures or spread your holiday spirit!

Lastly, thank you to everyone who volunteered for our 2019 events. It's all of you that make this community as amazing as it is! We have residents who ask for help, share and are involved in each other's lives! Who could ask for a better community

Fall Festival: Big Success!, Wendy Hyink & Craig Phelan

Thanks to everyone who attended the Fall Festival and BBQ Cookoff, we had a great turnout this year!

Special thanks to **Wendy Hyink** for organizing the event, **The Homestead Marching Band** for providing the entertainment, and **Izzy Saldivar, Mike Gonzales, Jason Cramer, Shari Pallant** and **Craig Phelan** for preparing over 50lbs of BBQ that was consumed in about 90 minutes!

Well done, Homestead!

Winner of BBQ Cookoff: **Craig Phelan** -- CONGRATS!

Pictures, courtesy of Dan Huntley:

<https://fab05.smugmug.com/Events/Homestead-Fall-Festival-2019/i-iXSKJsr>



Fall Festival



BBQ Cook-Off Participants



Kids enjoying themselves



The Homestead Band

Administrator Update

Maintaining Your Sidewalks. Even with the cooler temperatures, many residents are still using the sidewalks. While the sidewalks are within the City of Carrollton's right of way, homeowners are still required to maintain it. Ground shifting can also create safety concerns, including trip hazards, a vertical displacement exceeding 1- 1/2 inches or a crack exceeding 1-inch in width.

To help homeowners maintain their sidewalks, the City offers a 90/10 Grant Sidewalk Repair Program.

<https://www.cityofcarrollton.com/departments/departments-g-p/public-works/sidewalks/90-10-grant-sidewalk-replacement-program>

This simple process includes completing a form describing the sidewalk's location. The City will then come out, evaluate the sidewalk and contact the homeowner with their repair recommendations.

Your HOA has repaired two sidewalks this fall (Morning Dove and Primrose Park) for a total of only \$298.55 (the city cost was \$2687.02). An ACC request is not required for this repair.

Check your automatic sprinklers!

With freezing temperatures becoming the new normal, it's important to make sure your sprinklers are off. City of Carrollton Ordinance Sec. 92.60 states the homeowner is responsible for removing ice and hazardous conditions from sidewalks.

Let's keep our sidewalks safe for all our residents!

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