



HOMESTEAD HOA NEIGHBORS Fall Newsletter

Homestead HOA Website by Patty Cash, HOA Administrator

Did you know Homestead has its own website? Our website, www.homesteadatcarrollton.com, has a wealth of information for homeowners.

The Social Calendar lists the pool times, events and clubhouse rentals. Under the Answers section, you will find the answers to most frequently asked questions. Under Documents are various sections with details regarding our neighborhood. Board meeting announcements and minutes from past Board and Annual meetings.

Did you miss a newsletter? They are all on our website.

New to Homestead? The Welcome Packet is a very good summary of our guidelines, rules and events.

The Clubhouse and Pool section contains any announcements regarding the pool and the clubhouse rental agreement. The Architectural Control Committee (ACC) contains the pattern book, ACC request form and various bulletins. The bulletins clarify many of the items described in the pattern book.

The Governance section is great reading about our by-laws and covenants.

Here you will also find information regarding the HOA Administrator, property manager and the property management agreement.

The Budgets are listed under the Budget section starting with 2008.

Another tab is the Neighbors Network. This section contains Homestead resident's businesses. You can check this out and support your neighbor(s).

The Teens at Service contains services offered by some of our Homestead teens. This is password protected and you will need to contact the HOA Administrator to obtain the password.

The Contact link will help you send an email to the HOA Administrator. As always, feel free to reach out if you have any questions.

Patty Cash
HOA Administrator

Have a newsletter idea?

Contact **Kelsey Purswani** at HomesteadatCarrollton@gmail.com.



Get to Know our Board Members!

Each quarter, a board member will be featured for you to get to know a little more about who serves our community. This quarter, we are excited to feature Terry Humphrey! Terry serves our community as the HOA Treasurer, and - interesting fact - is an original homeowner here in The Homestead! Read through the Q&A below to learn more about her.

Q: How long have you lived in the Homestead?

Terry: I've lived in the Homestead since December 2002.

Q: What do you love most about the community?

Terry: What drew me to build here was the look and feel of the neighborhood. What keeps me here is the way neighbors help each other.

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

Terry: I wanted to get more involved within the community.

Q: What neighborhood event are you most excited about?

Terry: The new homeowners' meet and greet. It is encouraging to hear that what drew me here continues to draw new families to the Homestead.

Thank You for Helping Our Community!

Thank You to John Waida, Greg Walker, Henry Glospie, Jim Yauch and Eddie Cash for repairing the flagpole at the Countryside entrance. The flagpole has been stabilized with a new mechanism, new flags, an eagle on top of the pole and spot lights. We appreciate your dedication to our neighborhood and our country.

Thank You to Eddie Cash, John Waida and Greg Walker for repairing the lights in the median at the Countryside entrance. The lights on the sign will only be on at night now and the tree uplights have been repaired. Great job!



Neighborhood Note

Hey, hey Homestead families, new and old!

We are so grateful to have such a wonderful community who takes care of one another, shares with each other, and does life together. If you don't know your Homestead family yet, I encourage you to come to the next meet-and-greet or to one of the fall social events. I hope to be there too!

I am sure you have all watched the new playground installation at Homestead Elementary this summer. It is such a fun new place to enjoy! For any one concerned that the water fountain is missing, please know it was damaged in the construction and will soon be replaced by LISD.

Speaking of playgrounds, our very own Primrose Park is getting some updates in the coming months. First, we installed French drains last month where it was getting swampy during heavy rains. Next, we will be repairing the swing set poles and replacing the mats for the end of the slide and under the swings. More excitedly, we have voted as a Board to replace the wood chips and border with new playground turf and edging. This update will breathe life back into our beloved neighborhood playground and should last for a very long time.

Hope to see you around the neighborhood!

Jill Sparks
HOA Board President

Social Update

Thank you to Doug North, Jill Sparks, and Sheri Pallant for organizing yet another fantastic July 4th parade and pool party, even if this year's event was on July 3rd. We had a good turn out, plenty of good food and music, and games for the kids. And thank you to Dan Huntley for again taking fantastic pictures of this event. In case you missed the pictures, you can find them here.

While our kids have gone back to school and we do most of our social events during the spring and summer, that doesn't mean things are over. We will have a New Neighbor Meet & Greet on Thursday, September 16th at 7PM in the clubhouse. Beverages, wine and beer, and light snacks will be served. Even if you are not a new neighbor, we encourage you to come and meet new neighbors or neighbors that are new to you.

On October 9th, we will again have our Doggie Day at the pool. Look for more information via email closer to the event.

In November, on Sunday the 7th, we are planning to host our Fall Festival. We will need a new organizer for this event and all of the vendors used for previous events are ready to go.

Please email Rusty Nejd rnejdl@ringofsaturn.com if you are able to help out with this in any capacity. This event normally has a petting zoo, a bounce house, train rides, face paintings or balloon creations, games, candy and prizes. You can see pictures from the last one we had in 2019 [here](#). Look for more details as we get closer to the event.

Rusty Nejd
HOA Social Events Organizer

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

Landscape Update

Mother Nature dealt us a blow last February with freezing temperatures, but then provided us with plenty of rain and cooler than usual temperatures that has helped our landscaping recover to the greatest extent possible. As an HOA, we have removed the landscaping that died during the freeze and will determine in the Spring what replacements may be necessary and appropriate. With the growth of landscaping over the last 20 years as our neighborhood has aged, some of what we lost may not require replacement. All of us have been going through the same analysis in our own yards. If you still have any dead plants at this point, it is time to remove them!

A friendly reminder that the wet and cooler conditions have led to rapid growth in many of our trees. Please make sure branches remain 7 feet above sidewalks and 12 feet above streets and alleys. Keeping trees trimmed is not only required by City Ordinance, it is a way to be kind to all the walkers in our great neighborhood! Enjoy Fall!

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