



HOMESTEAD HOA NEIGHBORS

Summer Newsletter

Neighborhood Note by Jill Sparks

Howdy Neighbors!

If you are new to the neighborhood, welcome. This is a wonderful place to live! It is so exciting entering into summer with the resumption of so many delightful neighborhood events making their triumphant returns as we emerge from the pandemic. Check out the upcoming events in this newsletter! I encourage you all to check out our website, www.Homesteadatcarrollton.com for all things about Homestead and to keep up with minutes from Board meetings, the calendar, and more.

One thing I wanted to put on your radar is the Homestead Elementary refresh. Our local elementary school is just over 20 years old and thus it is time for a few renovations both inside and out (your tax dollars at work)! This summer, the playground will be closed and it is being replaced. I can't wait to see the updates they are providing to our school, and thus the added benefit we will have being residents here.

Also, I encourage you to pop over to the pool and see how beautifully it has been repaired. The repairs include new plaster and entry pebble, which is much softer on the bottoms of your feet. Hopefully soon the weather will warm up so we can all be out there to enjoy it together!

Looking forward to seeing you all at our upcoming events!

Jill Sparks
HOA Board President

Neighborhood Events by Rusty Nejd

On Sunday April 4th we kicked off our social activities season with our annual Easter Egg Hunt. Participation was amazing and everyone had a wonderful time! You can see pictures of the event at <https://photos.app.goo.gl/1eNe9VvuqorMYJDv9>

Shelia Jackson organized a community garage sale at Homestead Elementary on May 15th that had great participation and I am sure at least some of the items just moved to other houses in the neighborhood.

Also, after a long winter, our pool is finally open again and neighbors are actively using it! Shari Pallant will be running the Pool Season Kick Off Party on June 4th at 6PM. This event will not require masks and we will not be doing potluck for food but we are expecting a large turn out for this event. Hope to see you all there.

Ty Albright is organizing a Manly Men event at the clubhouse the evening of June 5th. I can guarantee that beer will be consumed and stupid things will be said and done. Come join us!

Doug North and Jill Sparks will be organizing our July 3rd Parade and Pool Party. We will be doing it on Saturday July 3rd instead of Sunday as we think we will have better turn out and you can still make your way to Kaboom town that evening. Look for emails in the next few weeks for details.

Thanks!
Rusty Nejd

Have a newsletter idea?

Contact Kelsey Purswani at HomesteadatCarrollton@gmail.com.

Community News and Information by Shawn and Justine Faghihifar

Our family has been engaging in some home updates unrelated to pipes or weather. Our home is 20 years old. It was time, as we had managed to avoid more than a one room carpet change in that 20-year span.

We demoed most of the bottom floor ourselves and began wondering about “bulk” trash, we certainly were putting plenty out there. Most of the kitchen cabinets, master cabinets and sinks, toilets from 4 bathrooms and flooring. Each Monday for about 14 weeks we watched as the bulk trash people came in various sized trucks and vehicles depending on what the majority of our pile was.

If you have never seen these men (never seen a woman, so far) work, you will observe its back breaking work. Each day hundreds of lifts of items from the ground into vehicles. The therapist in me made me wonder how can we make this easier for them? I became determined to find out.

I had questions and left an email for the city of Carrollton Secretary. Laurie Wilson, the secretary phoned me back the same day I emailed her! Here are her responses:

What are your top 3 issues with bulk trash in the city of Carrollton?

- 1.) Items weighing over 50 pounds. This is too heavy for one person to lift.
- 2.) Bulk trash vehicles not being able to get close to the pick-up or not seeing it because of blocking cars.
- 3.) Trash that blows all over the neighborhoods and the city.



Laurie suggested:

- Place heavy items in multiple bags or containers so one person can lift them. Then the driver does not have to get out of the vehicle to assist slowing down the trash collection process.
- Park cars and vehicles away from bulk trash and tree trimmings/brush piles so they can be seen and trash trucks can get physically close to the trash.
- Secure trash so that strong winds do not blow them all over, including inner packing materials.

I also asked if items like one shoe box or a small branch placed in front yards are problematic. She said they are often not “seen” and better suited to the regular trash receptacles we place in our alleys. Bulk trash really means size “bulk” and not a shoe box, paper grocery sacks or a shrub branch.

We, as citizens of Carrollton, are very fortunate to have a bulk pickup weekly. Many cities around us have only monthly pickup, and some cities are having difficulties even maintaining the monthly schedule due to recent spike in home renovations and inclement weather.

As for “our” trash guys, we often greeted them with bottles of cold water and cans of coke as thanks for hauling away our bulk. In addition, Ms. Wilson thanked me for caring and sharing this information with the Homestead neighborhood.

Here is the city’s link for more information on trash pick-up in Carrollton.

<https://www.cityofcarrollton.com/departments/departments-q-z/trash-recycling/brush-bulk-pick-up>

Shawn and Justine Faghihifar





Get to Know our Board Members!

Each quarter, a board member will be featured for you to get to know a little more about them! This quarter, we are excited to feature Jill Sparks! Jill has been serving our community as HOA Board President and is such a valuable asset to the community! Read through our Q&A below, to learn more about her!

Q: How long have you lived in the Homestead?

Jill: This July, my husband Dave and I have lived here for 7 years! Our three kids (Nate, Emmie, and Luke) have all attended Homestead Elementary. We hope to be here many, many more years as well. We love it here and couldn't imagine moving.

Q: What do you love most about the community?

Jill: I love the way we live together in community. There are always people ready to lend a hand, and we love all of the neighborhood events!

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

Jill: Honestly, we hope that this is our "forever home," and as such, we want to do our part to serve our community. Plus, I have made great friends serving on the board together. Love you guys!

Q: What neighborhood event are you most excited about?

Jill: I love the 4th of July Parade and Pool Party so much. It is my favorite event in the neighborhood, though the Fall Festival is a close second. I can't wait to see all y'all poolside soon!

Pool Guidelines and Rules

We all love using our community pool and are fortunate to have such a great amenity in our neighborhood!



Parking Updates

Per the Code Enforcement Officer from the City of Carrollton: Recreation vehicles, travel trailers, boats and the like are not allowed to be parked on the street at all.

Sec. 92.40. - Parking regulations and maintenance.

A) Parking regulations. It is a nuisance and shall be deemed illegal for any person to park in violation of the following provisions:

(2) It shall be unlawful for a person to park or store or allow another to park or store a recreational vehicle, travel trailer, boat or boat trailer on a public thoroughfare in any residential zoned district or the IH district.

ACC Request Guidelines by Patty Cash HOA Administrator

Need a new fence? Need to paint exterior of your home? Want to install a pool or shed in the backyard? Landscape needs to be redone? Leaking roof? Need to replace a tree?

These are all good examples of items which require an ACC Approval Request Form to be submitted. Any improvements to the exterior of your property requires approval from the ACC.

The form can be found on our website homesteadatcarrollton.com under Documents and then under "Architectural Control Committee." The form needs to be filled out completely and either emailed to homesteadatcarrollton@gmail.com or placed in the lock box at the clubhouse.

Each type of request requires additional information which is stated on the form. The more details provided the easier it is for our committee to make a decision. Along with the form on our website are Architectural Bulletins which provide more details on various types of requests.

A few items to remember:

1. Please do not get a final schedule for construction until this request has been approved and allow 30 days for ACC approval. Construction must begin within 60 days of approval and completed within 90 days of start date.
2. Requests cannot be expedited. Our committee is a team of volunteers who review requests based on their work and personal schedules.
3. Each request is filed with First Service Residential once a decision has been made.

Questions? Contact Patty Cash, HOA Admin at homesteadatcarrollton@gmail.com

Let's all keep working hard to keep The Homestead a beautiful place to live!

Landscape Update by Roy Atwood

While the deep freeze did substantial damage to neighborhood landscaping, at least the wet and temperate Spring has helped with our recovery. Thanks to everyone who has been working hard on repairing the damage from the storm. The new landscaping across the neighborhood looks great. The HOA will soon be removing plants we have had to give up on coming back. We will also be updating the end caps to replace plants and enhance the appearance of our median areas. All the new growth on trees looks great, but keep in mind the need to trim trees up over sidewalks and streets. We have lots of walkers in The Homestead and I can tell you from personal experience, getting hit in the face by a branch makes the walk less enjoyable!

Roy Atwood

Free Irrigation Inspections Available Now

Through the City's Save Water by the Yard program, free irrigation inspections are available starting April 1st. Eligible Carrollton Water Utilities residential customers with in-ground irrigation systems can apply to receive the inspection through September 30th or until the funds are exhausted. Residential customers who previously participated in 2019 or 2020 are ineligible for an inspection in 2021.

Save Water by the Yard inspection service includes a consultation by a licensed irrigation expert who will check the settings on the sprinkler system's control box, walk the system lines to check for leaks and improperly functioning sprinkler heads, and provide customers with tips on system maintenance and water conservation.

Here is the link on the City's website to sign up: <https://www.cityofcarrollton.com/departments/departments-g-p/public-works/water-utilities/irrigation-requests>

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