



# Homestead Herrington Homeowners' Association Newsletter

## July 2023

### Celebrating Independence Day in Homestead/Herrington

by Lynn Poneleit  
Photos by Moira Allen

July 4<sup>th</sup> marked the Homestead/Herrington annual Golf Cart Parade, and a grand time was had by all. The parade was escorted through the neighborhood by Garrard County Emergency Management Director Wanda Shelton, a familiar face who has led our parade several times before. We were privileged to have her join us again this year. Thank you, Officer Shelton!

There was a 3-way tie for Best-Decorated Cart, so they tossed the dice to determine the winners, and here's the final outcome based only on a throw of the dice! **First:** Paul and Karen Wilson in their VW bus. **Second:** Mike and Nancy's golf cart decorated by their grandchildren visiting from Wyoming. (Mike writes, "Daughter Allison and grandkids Natalie and Austin decorated our cart and drove it in the parade along with dad Cole and grandkids Blake and Tanner.") **Third:** Chuck and Lynn Poneleit with the giant *Happy Fourth of July* cake on top of the cart. All the vehicles were special!

The brunch following the parade was a huge success with 45+ in attendance. Great food, great fellowship!! "Make new friends and keep the old!" We were so pleased that our newest homeowners Art and Sheila Lambrecht and several of their local family members (and grandson from Washington State) decorated their vehicle and joined the parade and brunch. Welcome to Homestead!

Special thanks to our neighbor Ron Bayes, who has been the official photographer for years. Watch for an article and parade photos in the *Garrard Central Record* newspaper.

Now it's time to start thinking about decorations for next year! (See page 4 for more photos!)





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Contact Lynn Poneleit for a copy of  
 the latest Homestead/Herrington  
 community directory

## From the Editor's Desk...

I hope you are all having a glorious summer! Kentucky weather being what it is, any day that you're not being roasted, drowned, or blown away is a nice summer day... And now, "in the news":

- **Welcome, new neighbors!** Homestead/Herrington welcomes two new families to the neighborhood: Art and Sheila Lambrecht at 1004 Settlement Drive, and Lewis and Betsy Yeaples (with daughters Haley and Sierra) at 298 N. Homestead Lane. We're so glad to meet you!
- **The official HHA website** is now updated and "live" once again. It will be updated pretty much whenever the newsletter goes out, with any relevant articles posted to the site. Before long, you will also be able to download back issues of the newsletter from the site, in case you miss any. (By back issues, I'm referring to issues from 2023 onward.) Check it out at <https://www.hhha.info>
- **It's hard to get good help... or is it?** Please send your recommendations for service providers that you would recommend to your neighbors. Our goal is to have a list of providers on the website, and we need more names! Especially, we need recommendations for handymen, plumbers, yard care, cleaning services - and anything else that you can think of. Providers need to be reliable and willing to come out to our community. Send your recommendations to Moira Allen, [editors@writing-world.com](mailto:editors@writing-world.com)
- **Don't miss the next HHA meeting**, which will be held on Tuesday, August 8. All paid-up members of the HHA are welcome to attend. Location TBD.





West Kiskatinaw River Wildfire, British Columbia, 7 June 2023.  
Photo by Pierre Markuse, provided by Wikimedia.org

## Smoke Gets In Your Eyes...

Some days, it's hard to miss. Step outside and take a breath, and you might think you'd just shoved your head up a chimney. Other days, it's not so bad... but even when it doesn't *seem* bad, it often is.

This summer, air quality is an issue for all of us—and it's likely to remain so for the rest of the season. The primary cause, of course, is wildfires in Canada, hundreds of which are still burning out of control. As they burn, the smoke is pouring across the continent. Here in Kentucky, we're lucky—we may have bad days but they're nowhere near as bad as, say, Chicago (which currently has the most polluted air in the *world*). But that doesn't mean we should ignore the problem.

The problem is particles. The smoke that frequently spreads its haze over our neighborhood contains large quantities of "fine particulate matter." These particles, having a diameter of less than 2.5 micrometers, can enter the lungs and bloodstream and cause serious health issues. They are particularly dangerous to anyone with existing heart or respiratory conditions, such as asthma. Then there is "particulate matter," particles that are larger than 2.5 micrometers but under 10 micrometers. These don't get into the bloodstream, but they do get into the airways, resulting in eye and throat irritation, coughing, difficulty breathing, and aggravated asthma. Other pollutants that frequently pop up include ozone and carbon monoxide.

There's nothing we can do about the Canada wildfires (or new fires cropping up in California and Oregon). However, we can be "air aware." Most cellphone weather apps include air quality information. Or check out Accuweather at <https://www.accuweather.com/en/us/danville/40422/air-quality-index/333319>. Check to see whether the day's air quality is "Fair" (green), "Poor" (yellow), or "Unhealthy" (orange), and plan accordingly. If the quality is in the yellow or higher, try to limit outdoor activities. Consider running HEPA air filters indoors. If you do have to go outside, consider wearing a mask—yep, they're back in style!

In short, if you step outside and the world smells like smoke and ashes, you're not imagining it. When will it end? Well, all anyone can say is... don't hold your breath!

## A Word About Windstream

I'm sure we all enjoyed (not!) that peaceful Sunday of July 2 when we had, for the second time in the past 30 days, *no Internet*. It's frustrating, but what can we do?

Well, it's important that we *do* take action when this occurs. For whatever reason, it seems that Windstream is often not aware of a community Internet outage until someone calls to complain. Even then, several residents have encountered a certain reluctance to acknowledge that the outage involves the community rather than an individual, particularly when the call is handled by an off-shore call-center.

The solution seems to be *call volume*. In the most recent instance, it appears that only after multiple callers notified Windstream of the outage was action taken. During a previous outage, someone mentioned on Facebook that when they called, the technician was unaware of any local outage and seemed unwilling to believe there *was* one. When another resident called, he reports that the technician finally checked and admitted, "Oh, you're right, a server is down."

So, folks, please, when your Internet is out, do call Windstream. Don't assume that "someone else will do it." Someone else probably *will*, but that may not be enough. Waiting on hold for technical support is no one's idea of a good time, but if we don't work together as a community on this issue, everyone pays the price. For some, that price is the inability to work remotely and earn the family paycheck.

Windstream's 24/7 service number is **(800) 347-1991**.



## A Reminder About Solicitors

Many of you may have received a visit last week from a very motivated young lady who was walking through the neighborhood trying to drum up business for a pest control company. Being relatively new here ourselves, we didn't think anything of it – in Maryland, solicitors were a regular (and annoying) occurrence. Then Lynn called to pass the word that we all need to remember that soliciting is prohibited by the deed restrictions of the community. (Hooray!) Yep, there *is* a sign to that effect at the entrance to the community. So if someone should come to your door, please remind them that they are not permitted to solicit in the neighborhood, and send them (gently) on their way.



# Homestead Herrington Homeowners Association

## Membership Registration/Renewal

To register or renew membership in the Homestead Herrington Homeowners Association, please complete the information below and return this form to the HSHA, along with Association dues in the amount of \$50.00 to HSHA, PO Box 4, Bryantsville KY 40410

Household Owners		
Children		
Other Adults		
Home Address		
Telephone Number	Home:	Cell:
	Cell:	Cell:

**Please provide email address if you wish to receive members' newsletters and urgent neighborhood notifications:**

Name	Email:
Name	Email:
Name	Email:

The HSHA Board and Committees meet 4 times per year, plus Special Meetings that may be necessary to accomplish specific business/projects. Please provide name(s) for areas of interest to active HSHA member in your family residence:

Position	Name of house member interested
Board Member	
Board Office	
Welcome Committee	
Neighborhood Watch	
Membership Committee	
Beautification Committee	
Fundraising Committee	
Property Values Comm	
Social Committee	
Other	

Please note that *any active HSHA Member* is welcome to attend Board and Committee Meetings. Please contact a current Board Member to obtain information about duties and responsibilities of Board and Committees. Thank you for your interest and participation. If you would like to make a designated donation to a particular committee or project, please mail to the HSHA Board at PO Box 4, Bryantsville, KY 40410

\_\_\_\_\_ Household located at \_\_\_\_\_ does not wish to be a member.