



Rustic Hills Improvement Association

# Newsletter

December 2020

**NEW WEBSITE ADDRESS**

**RusticHillsAcres.com**

## ELVES SPOTTED IN RUSTIC HILLS!!



**Thank you, Rustic Hills residents,** for your generous participation in the December 12 Food Drive and Toy Drive that was sponsored by the Rustic Hills Improvement Association (RHIA). On a cold and snowy day, our neighborhood donated nearly 400 pounds of food and almost \$300 to the Food Pantry at Holy Cross Lutheran Church (corner of Constitution Avenue and Murray Boulevard). Additionally, we were able to deliver a sleigh (SUV) full of toys to Christmas Unlimited, a local charity that has been supporting families in need since 1923 (starting as the “Mrs. Santa Claus Club”). Shown here are elves Tamie and Jamie preparing to deliver your gifts. Thanks to everyone who helped!

Happy Hanukkah, Merry Christmas and happy holidays to all!

### **GROUNDHOG DAY - FLAG THIEF COURT JUSTICE DELAYED AGAIN... AND AGAIN... AND AGAIN...**

Our neighborhood flag thief’s November 3 Election Day court appearance had the same result as always – come back in three months. Next appearance – Groundhog Day, February 2. On the bright side, the juvenile’s home is for

sale, so perhaps he will soon move away and we can all safely fly American flags again. Let’s root for a fast home sale on Half Moon Drive!



## 'TIS THE SEASON...



*(Not a Rustic Hills photo, this time...)*

'Tis the season for **porch pirates** – they are out there all year long, but there is a lot more on-line shopping around the holidays, especially because of the COVID pandemic, so be watchful. Here's a December 7 story by Spencer Humphrey, from KOAA news:

"There are thieves out there... porch pirates," said Colorado Springs Police Crime Prevention Officer Chris Ausec. "They look for people who have packages sitting in front of their front door, and they go up and try to steal them."

It's nothing new. These greedy grinchers unfortunately operate year round. But this year, they've got more to work with.

"Due to this being a COVID year, more people are going to be at home so they are going to be ordering more packages," Ausec said.

So it's time to go back over the basics.

"If you order anything online, you always want to make sure you have that tracking number," he said.

Keep that in mind as you send off your gifts instead of handing them out in-person this year.

"If they order packages and they're sending them to someone elsewhere, that they give that person the tracking number or at least let them know a date and a time," he said.

If you're not going to be home when it's delivered, make this an excuse to get to know your neighbors.

"Say hey, I'm stuck at work I'm stuck in a traffic jam, can you go out and pick up my package for me and maybe I can pick it up later," Ausec said.

Maybe you're a small business owner, starting up online ordering for the first time this year.

"I think it's a good idea for the seller, since they're usually gonna be the ones shipping it, once they get that tracking number and the company they're shipping it through to provide that to the buyer," he said.

This year, we're giving these thieves of joy more opportunities to do just that.

"People who are going to steal packages... they just look for opportunities," Ausec said.

But staying in the know, and keeping those around you in the know goes a long way in getting that thoughtful gift into the proper hands.

### **NOVEMBER INCIDENT REPORTED**

This was received from a neighbor on Brady Road:

"On Nov. 8th at around **4:00 a.m.**, a tall man with gray hair, a cap and a backpack trespassed onto our property and stole the big rubber ball off of the chain attached to my horse's pen.

I've seen this man walking our neighborhood many times as well as all over town. I've had to get firm with him before about trespassing onto our property and leaving his cigarette butts.

This however is the last straw and I will be bringing my camera video to the police."

**SANTA SAYS...**



“Slow! Slow!  
Slow!”

Just a friendly reminder that the speed limit on all interior roads within Rustic Hills is:

**25 miles per hour.**

The City did NOT change our speed limits when they paved portions of our street system – it remains 25 mph. Your cooperation improves safety for all of us.

Much of Constitution Avenue is posted at 35 miles per hour. Please observe that speed limits as well. CSPD occasionally sets up speed traps there, as you may have seen.

**NEW RHIA WEBSITE ADDRESS**

**RusticHillsAcres.com** is our new website address as of November. The change occurred due to a bit of a mix-up, but we think it was for the best. The previous website address was “owned” by a third party who received notice that a renewal payment was due. Unfortunately, there was a fairly tight deadline for payment, and by the time we understood the situation, the rights had expired. As a result, we had no website for a few days. We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused.

The new website address is owned by the RHIA Board without the involvement of a third party, so we should now have less chance of encountering a similar problem in the future.

**YOUR RHIA BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTED FOR 2019-2020  
ARE CONTINUING TO SERVE ON A PROVISIONAL BASIS  
UNTIL NEW ELECTIONS CAN BE HELD**

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Role/Term Expiration	Person	Street
<b>ELECTED POSITIONS</b>		
President (May 2020)*	Doug Eberhart	Payton Circle
Vice President (2020)*	Eric Younger	Rocking R Drive
Secretary (2020)*	Tamie Farris	Broken Circle
Treasurer (2020)*	<b>VACANT - SEEKING A REPLACEMENT</b>	
Filing 1 Representative (2020)*	Stacy Sahlstrom	Payton Circle
Filing 1 Representative (2021)	Jamie Wilson	Brady Road
Filing 1 Representative (2022)	Roy Thompson	Payton Circle
Filing 2 Representative (2020)*	Jim Kelly	Brady Road
Filing 2 Representative (2021)	Brad Steininger	Half Moon Drive
Filing 2 Representative (2022)	Miriamber Daigneault	Broken Circle Road
<b>APPOINTED COMMITTEE CHAIR POSITIONS</b>		
Hospitality Committee	Bev Smith	Brady Road
Bridle Path Committee	John Dolve	Bent Bar
Architectural/Covenants Protection	Eric Younger (also VP)	Rocking R Drive
Rustic Hills Acres Trash Coalition	Jamie Wilson (also Filing 1)	Brady Road

\* Terms expired May 31, 2020 but continuing to serve on a provisional basis until elections are held.