



THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER
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A Message From The President

Hello Neighbors,

I would like to extend warm greetings to all residents as we approach the holiday season.

Thank you to the homeowners who attend P.T.I.A. meetings. It is always important to have your input. This ensures that the community is being served through the hard work of our Board Members, Committees, and Street Captains.

I am grateful that all of our members share the same common values that have sustained our Association over the past few years – that is the understanding that we as a whole can do a lot more than each individually when it comes to our neighborhood safety and security.

It is important to take every precaution in keeping our homes safe from harm. Burglaries are happening more often at residences, especially during the early morning hours. Be sure to read the article *Hot Topic: Neighborhood Safety*. These guidelines offer great tips for you to consider in keeping your homes safe from these intruders. LED lighting has been installed throughout the neighborhood. This will provide additional safety.

Veterans Day is November 11th! We salute you on **Veterans Day** and **every** day! Reach out. Call or message someone who has served and let them know you appreciate everything they've done, or send a care package or a thank you card to someone who's currently on active duty.

Getting together as a community is very important to the health and vitality of our neighborhood. You will be notified via email the date/time of our annual **Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony** to be held in December. It will be nice to socialize with friends and neighbors for an hour or two. May peace, love and prosperity follow you always.

Best Wishes for a Happy Holiday Season!

- Cynthia D. Miller

A CALL TO SERVICE

It's November already?! It's time to start thinking about Thanksgiving and—oh, yes—Christmas! People of all ages seem to come alive and invigorate at this time of year. There are, however, a couple of other days in November that some of us, unfortunately, tend to overlook. Those days are Election Day and Veterans Day. Election Day has come and gone. Let's not let the same thing happen this Veterans Day without thanking those who proudly and courageously served this country.

Veterans Day is Monday, November 11, 2024. It is a federal holiday set aside to honor military veterans. I learned something I didn't know about Veterans Day. The World War I armistice between the Allied Nations and Germany went into effect on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month. As a result, Veterans Day is celebrated on November 11th, regardless of the day of the week on which the 11th falls.

In this article, I am profiling two of our female veterans. They are Tasha Elbert-McClain and Monique Hills Baskins.

Tasha Elbert-McClain, President of the Parkwood Terrace Crime Prevention and Neighborhood Improvement District, served in the US Army. She was an E-6 Staff Sergeant. She served from 1990-1991 and 1993-2000. Her war eras were the Persian Gulf War, Operation Desert Shield, Operation Desert Storm and Operation Desert Farewell.

Monique Hills Baskins is on active duty in the US Navy. She began her service in 2004. Currently stationed at the Naval Medical Center in Portsmouth, VA, Monique is a Naval Chief Hospital Corpsman and a Substance Abuse Counselor. Her war eras included Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom. Monique is the daughter of Russell and Vallory Hills.

I wish I knew all the veterans currently residing in Parkwood Terrace. I would love to give you a shout-out in this newsletter. At the very least, I hope you will read this article. I am closing with a short poem titled *Veterans Day* which was written by Cheryl Dyson.

*On Veterans Day we honor all
Who answered to a service call.
Soldiers young and soldiers old
Fought for freedom, brave and bold.
Some have lived, while others died,
And all of them deserve our pride.
We're proud of all the soldiers who
Kept thinking of red, white, and blue.
They fought for us and all our rights.
They fought through many days and nights.
And though we may not know each name,
We thank all veterans just the same.*

From the bottom of my heart, I say to all our Parkwood Terrace veterans, "Thank you for your service! You didn't have to do it, but you did. And I thank you!"

by Doze Y. Butler, Ph.D., MBA

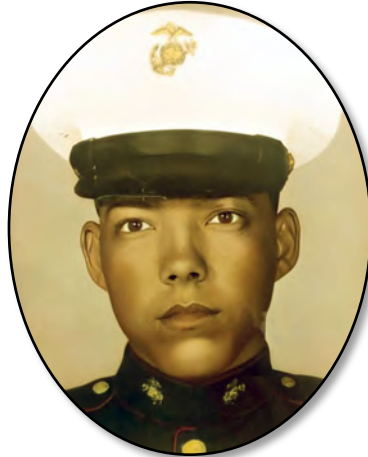


VETERANS DAY

HONORING ALL WHO SERVED
11 NOVEMBER



Rev. David Alexander
US Navy
Chief Petty Officer
1960-1984
War Era: Vietnam,
Cuban Crisis, Iraq



Severia Baunchand
US Marines
1965-1967
War Era: Vietnam



Montrell Bell Jr.
US Marines
Active: 3 Years of Service
Currently Stationed:
Jacksonville, NC
Deployment: Japan



Edgar Cage
US Army
1971-1974
War Era: Vietnam



Harrison D. Collins
US Army
1963-1965
War Era: After Korea



James E. Cross
US Army
Captain
1960-1967
(includes Active Reserves)
War Era: Vietnam



VETERANS DAY

HONORING ALL WHO SERVED
11 NOVEMBER



Amrita Cross
US Air Force
(Great Grandson of
James & Velta
Cross)
Recently Joined



Arnold L Crump
U. S. Army
1963-1966
War Era: Vietnam



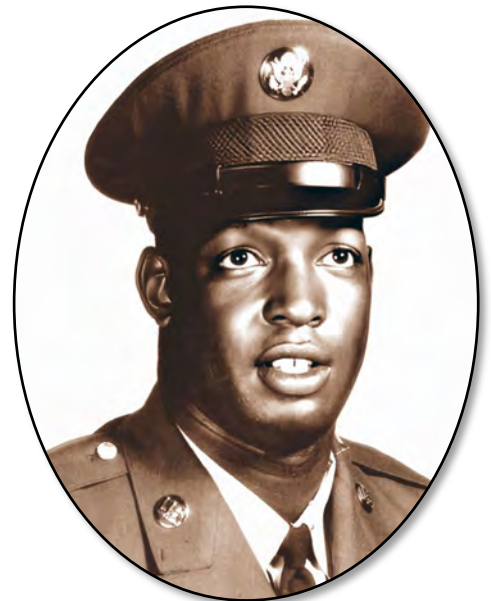
Louis Curtis
US Army National Guard
1980-86



John L. Davis, Sr.
US Army
Spec 4
1969-1971
War Era: Vietnam



Preston Dinkins
US Army
Captain
1969-1971
War Era: Vietnam



Silas Geraldts
US Army
Spec 4
1967-1971
War Era: Vietnam



VETERANS DAY

HONORING ALL WHO SERVED
11 NOVEMBER



Leroy Helire, Jr. (Priest)
US Army
Years of Service: 1970-1972
War Era: Vietnam



Russell Hills
US Marines
Staff Sergeant
1971-1977 (includes Active Reserves)
War Era: Vietnam (2 Tours)



Monique Hills Baskins
2004 – Present
US Navy (Active Duty)
(daughter of Russell & Vallory Hills)
Naval Chief Hospital Corpsman
& Substance Abuse Counselor
Currently Stationed:
Naval Medical Center / Portsmouth, VA
War Era: Operation Enduring Freedom/Operation
Iraqi Freedom

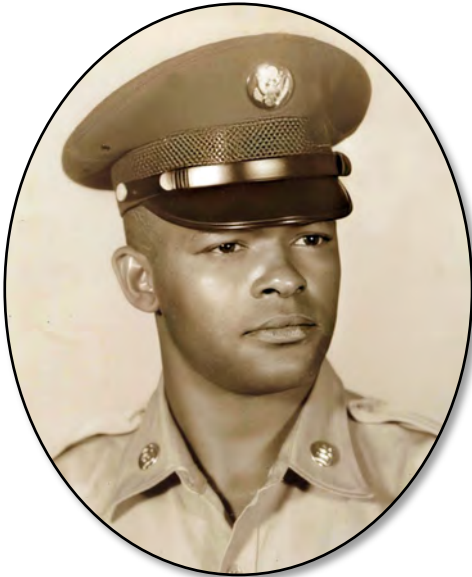


Ronald Jackson
US Army
Sergeant
1963-1966
War Era: Vietnam



VETERANS DAY

HONORING ALL WHO SERVED
11 NOVEMBER



Joe Jenkins
US Army
Sergeant E-5
1966-1968
War Era: Vietnam



William Lacey
US Army Reserve
Private First Class
1982-1988



William H. Johnson
US Army
Spec 4
1970
War Era: Vietnam



Admon McCastle
US Army
Private First Class
1956-1958
War Era: Korea



David J. Owens
US Army
1967-1970
War Era: Vietnam
Stationed: Germany



Tasha Elbert-McClain
US Army
E-6, Staff Sergeant
1990-1991 & 1993-2000
War Era: Persian Gulf War
Operation Desert Shield,
Desert Storm, Desert Farewell



Louis H. Briggs, III
US Coast Guard (Active Duty)
(Son of Tasha Elbert-McClain
& Stepdad, Fred)
E-4 Maritime Enforcement Specialist
3rd Class (ME3) | 2019-Present
Currently Stationed:
Maritime Security Response



Steve J. Noble
US Army
1954-1957
War Era: Korean



Malcolm M. Harris
US Navy
(son of Elaine Noble
& Stepdad Steve Noble)
1987-1991
War Era: Desert Storm



Robert Stewart
US Army
1958-1982
War Era: Vietnam



Dr. L.C. Thomas
US Army
1984-2008
War Era: Post Vietnam
Currently: Commander
Department of Louisiana
DAV and DAVA Capital City
Chapter #5 Baton Rouge



Carl Watkins
US Army
Spec 4
1959-1962

VETERANS NOT PICTURED

US Air Force
Robert Square

US Navy
Anthony Jones

US Army

Eric Cleary
Nathaniel Coleman
Dr. Leroy Davis
Samuel Mitchell

Robert Wilson, Jr.

Derick Rheams, Sr.
Elvin Stewart
Jesse Taylor
Donald Thomas

HOT TOPIC: Neighborhood Safety

Exterior of your home

- KEEP YOUR YARD WELL MAINTAINED
Bushes should be trimmed lower than three feet or below windows.
- Tree branches should be trimmed higher than six feet.
- Landscaping should not create blind spots or hiding places. Walkways and landscaping should “direct” visitors to the proper Entrance and away from private areas.
- Address numbers should be placed in obvious places, not hidden under landscaping and should be well lit during the night hours.
- Motion sensors lighting can be used
Alongside bedroom areas, front entryways and strategically placed around other zones of the home.
- KNOW THE PEOPLE IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD-LOOK OUT FOR ONE ANOTHER- Talk with your neighbors about suspicious activity in your neighborhood.
- Do not be afraid to call the police for your neighbor if something seems suspicious.

Doors

- All exterior doors should be constructed of steel or aluminum alloy, solid-core hard wood or be impact-resistant. All glass doors should have impact resistant glass.
- Install deadbolts on all ground level doors.
- Install an alarm if you do not already have one.
- All secondary doors should have a secondary deadbolt lock.
- Sliding doors can be secured by using dowels; laced in the interior tracks, pin locks, kick planes and/or auxiliary locks.

- View finders should be installed in front doors to allow 180-degree view.

Garage

- Secure side doors and windows just like the other areas of your home.
- Secure and lock garage doors when you are not in or within visible sign of the garage.
- Ensure the garage has proper lighting if used as an entrance into the home.

Windows

- Installing impact resistant glass with protective covering can help reduce windows being smashed.
- Auxiliary locking systems can help prevent windows from being pried open.
- Use curtains or blinds to keep persons from looking into your home.

Going on Vacation

- Leave your key with a close friend, or family member so they can keep watch over your neighborhood.
- Try leaving at least one light on while you’re away so it looks like you are there.
- Keep vacation dates off of social media.

Deliveries/Repairmen

- Don’t give repairmen a key, and don’t give people fixing your car your whole set of keys.
- Your house keys can be easily duplicated and your address can usually be obtained from your license plate number.
- Don’t let strangers into your home. Deliverymen and people on legitimate business can always show you their ID.

Sources: National Neighborhood Watch and Safe Home

ARE YOU A LANDLORD OR RENTER?

IF YOU ARE A LANDLORD/RENTING YOUR HOME IN PARKWOOD TERRACE SUBDIVISION, YOU SHOULD PROVIDE YOUR TENANTS WITH THE ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION/BYLAWS AND RESTRICTIONS. IF YOU ARE A TENANT, YOU SHOULD BE AWARE OF THE ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION/BYLAWS AND RESTRICTIONS.

For more information, Email: vhills1559@gmail.com

FALL LAWN CARE

Fall lawn care isn't just about appearance—it's an investment in your lawn's long-term health. Throughout fall, grass plants actively store nutrients and energy for winter months ahead. Proper care helps to strengthen root systems, improve disease resistance, and prepare your lawn for a strong spring start.



SEED YOUR LAWN

TEND TO BROWN PATCHES



DO A SOIL TEST

GET RID OF MOSS ON YOUR LAWN



FERTILIZE YOUR LAWN

FOCUS ON FUNGI PREVENTION



LAY OUT INSECTICIDES



AERATE YOUR LAWN



MOW AND RAKE YOUR LAWN



CONTINUE WATERING YOUR LAWN

Did You Know... 🤔

...that you should maintain a regular mowing schedule until the first hard frost?

Grass continues to grow, albeit slower, in the fall months. Aim to mow once weekly or as needed to keep the grass at the proper height. Regular mowing also helps mulch fallen leaves and plant material, returning valuable nutrients to the soil.

Source: Homes & Gardens



Thanksgiving Wish

by Ralph Waldo Emerson

Happy Thanksgiving!

This is my wish for you:
Comfort on difficult days,
Smiles when sadness intrudes,
Rainbows to follow the clouds,
Laughter to kiss your lips,
Sunsets to warm your heart,
Hugs when spirits sag,
Beauty for your eyes to see,
Friendships to brighten your being,
Faith so that you can believe,
Confidence for when you doubt,
Courage to know yourself,
Patience to accept the truth,
Love to complete your life.

PTIA NEWS and NOTES

- The Amended and Restated Articles was filed and recorded on September 3, 2024.
- Electronic copies of the Articles and our Bylaws were mass emailed to all residents.
- On August 15, 2024 BREC Representatives met with residents who live on the West side of Ector to assess property that is butted up against the Park. The concerns are overgrown bushes and/or dead trees that impose on residential property. Once assessments are complete a report will be issued to President Miller.
- Officer on Patrol Signage will be placed on the back of several stop signs in an effort to deter thieves/ burglars.
- Neighborhood Canvas - Beginning Monday, November 11, 2024, members of the ACC and Compliance Committees will conduct a canvas of all properties, specifically those that are not in compliance with the following:
 - 1) bushes that are overgrown up to the eaves on your home
 - 2) bushes that obstruct windows and/or entrances to your home
 - 3) bushes or crepe myrtle trees that obstruct the sidewalk or are overhanging in the street
 (City of Baker Ordinance and Parkwood Terrace Restrictions)



Finally, I can see! Parkwood gets a light upgrade with LEDs.
Caption and Picture courtesy of Thomas Bennett

Have a Human Interest Story to share? Suggested Content or Feedback for Future Newsletters?

We'd also like to recognize your accomplishments (and/or that of your children and/or grandchildren) in one of our upcoming newsletters. Please send a personal article, poem, or photos to Vallory Hills at vhills1559@gmail.com

PTIA & Crime Prevention Meetings Begin at 6:30 p.m.

December 2, 2024	Crime Prevention Baker Library & Via Zoom
January 6, 2025	PTIA
February 3, 2025	PTIA



2024 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

In observance of these holidays, Waste Pro **will not** be collecting solid waste and recycling.

- Thanksgiving Day
- Christmas Day

For the remainder of the week, service will occur the next day.

- Monday moves to Tuesday
- Tuesday moves to Wednesday
- Wednesday moves to Thursday
- Thursday moves to Friday
- Friday moves to Saturday

NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE: Vallory Hills, Chair
Bridget Riley | Cheryl Montgomery

Stanley Thomas

TREE SERVICES

- ◆ 25 years of Experience
- ◆ Total Tree Removal
- ◆ Stump Grinding
- ◆ Bush Trimming
- ◆ Cut Back Tree Limbs
- ◆ Lot Clearing

LICENSED ◆ INSURED ◆ FREE ESTIMATES

(225) 244-3221

Check the Halls

Source: NSN (Neighborhood Safety Network)

for Holiday Safety

Fa-la-la-la-la la-la-la-la

HOLIDAY
LIGHTS

DRY
TREES

DECORATIONS

LADDERS

EXTENSION
CORDS

CANDLES

BE SAFE

- ★ **Christmas Trees** – Water trees regularly. Dry trees can burn faster than newspaper. They can be completely covered in flames in seconds.
- ★ **Ladders** – Heed warnings on ladders. Tens of thousands of people are treated for injuries related to ladder falls in November and December.
- ★ **Cords** – Always look for the marking of a recognized testing lab. Don't overload extension cords and power strips.
- ★ **Holiday Lights** – Prevent fires and shock. Throw out damaged or frayed light sets.
- ★ **Candles** – Be careful with candle placement. Candle fires cause millions of dollars of property damage each year.
- ★ **Decorations** – Avoid sharp, breakable decorations in homes with young children.

Light Up The Neighborhood!

Decorate your Home for
Christmas: Prizes for
1st, 2nd & 3rd Place



**Date/Time for Judging
Will be E-mailed**



Tasha McClain
Vice President



Cherryl Montgomery
Zoom Coordinator



Bridget Riley
Treasurer



Vallory Hills
Secretary



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Merry Christmas!
from the
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