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We Are Thankful



Usually, our neighborhood celebrates the July 4th Independence Day with neighbors watching the children's parade, and then getting together for a shared meal. Our children enjoy the bounce house and face painting. Together, we celebrate this special day, reflecting on the sacrifice others have made for us and our country. **However, with social distancing, we know this is not possible this year.**

This year, like all years, we honor those who have served our country, whether in the time of war or peace. In our community many have ancestors, grandparents, parents, children, siblings or friends who have given service to our country, ensuring the life that we now enjoy. Sometimes, the impact on those who serve is significant, extracting physical or mental sacrifice.

A few years ago, a student in our middle school, expressed her gratitude to those who have served. Below is an excerpt from her paper.

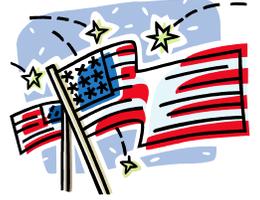
"They have ensured that I will live in a peaceful country where all men are created equal. They have stood up in times of war and bloodshed and gave action to our words and beliefs. They are the people that ensure that our children will keep on living. They fight for truth, liberty and justice. now that they have fulfilled their duty it is our turn to honor them"





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President John F. Kennedy spoke these words, which reflect the commitment of our nation.

“Let every nation know, whether it wishes us well or ill, that we shall pay any price, bear any burden, meet any hardship, support any friend, oppose any foe to assure the survival and the success of liberty.”

Today, we are reminded of those who serve during our pandemic. They are the First Responders, particularly those nurses, doctors, and other civil servants who support and protect. Others serve, identifying the means to combat and control the coronavirus. In our community others seek out ways to shelter, feed and serve their neighbor. We offer thanks to all these individuals.

Thank you to those who have served and those who continue to serve.

This Neighborhood is Special

As I reflect on this neighborhood, I am thankful for the chance to live with a loving, caring community. Some of the many things for which I am thankful:

- Well maintained homes and property
- Friendly conversations with those nearby
- Cheerful hellos to and from those walking by our home
- Excited young children as they bike around our cul-de-sac
- Our grandchildren, mom and dad living near-by
- The Highbanks Metro Park next door
- Neighbors helping neighbors
- Those cheerfully serving at neighborhood tasks
 - Preparing for and serving at the traditional Independence Day Activities
 - Mowing the grass circle and Maintaining our entrance
 - Those serving as HACA Trustees
- Neighborhood children playing on our children’s play-yard, swing, etc.
- Four seasons – previously, we lived in the snow-belt of Catskills
- Nearby golf courses
- Our local, friendly, mission serving church
- And of course, my loving wife and family

To see a previous, neighborhood Independence Day Video, click here:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D-Mqe4c_D5k&feature=youtu.be

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