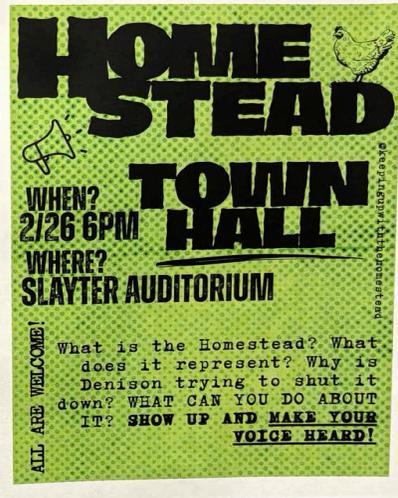


ATTENTION! ATTENTION! ATTENTION!

Save the Homestead!



Have you seen this sign?
Well, now you have. This is going to be a doozy.

TOWN HALL HOMESTEAD MEETING BINGO:

Nobody leaves happy	Technology issues that make everyone impatient and on edge	Heckling occurs	DCGA is visibly overwhelmed	Denison rep makes it clear they have been to the Homestead
Someone says "whomp whomp"	Someone asks what admin wants the land to be used for next...	...Admin does not have details on what they want the land to be used for next	Chickens and other occasional greusome deaths are mentioned	Denison rep makes it clear they know nothing about the Homestead
Not all Homestead members show up	Denison reps say something to the effect of "don't shoot the messenger"	FREE SPACE	Homies are called "Hippies"	Where is the Homestead faculty advisor?
An attempt to limit speaking time	Someone cries	Someone brings up something entirely unrelated	Denison reps state that the Homestead has low engagement	≥1 member of the Homestead is wearing overalls & a bandana
Jakob reads poetry	The Homestead cat incident of '24 (Catgate) is mentioned	An attempt to limit the number of questions	Denison reps say something to the effect that their "hands are tied"	Community dinner is mentioned ≥5 times

HOW TO THROW THE MOST PERFECT BIRTHDAY PARTY

Lindsey George,
Turning 20 tomorrow!?!?

Throwing a birthday party is an art. It takes intention, creativity, thoughtfulness, excitement, and an element of the childhood love for life. A birthday is not just any other day. It's 24 hours of celebration for someone special. Therefore, it should be celebrated to the maximum. It's imperative that, when planning a birthday party, you consider the following:

Music: The songs that are playing in the background of a party play a huge role in determining the overall vibes in the space. It's a careful balance between background music that is overwhelming and overstimulating, and music that makes you want to dance and have a jolly good time. This requires an awareness of volume but also of music style. If your party will have a lot of people with possibly differing musical tastes, your playlist selection should reflect this. However, always keep in mind that it is in fact a party to celebrate one person, and so the music playing should reflect what they love, first and foremost.

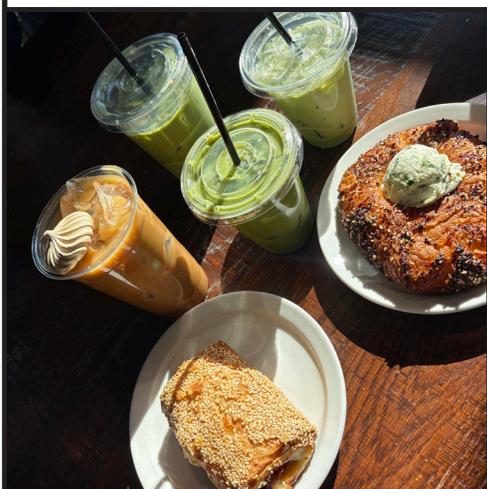
Decorations: Similar to the way the music at a birthday party affects the vibes, so do the decorations. Ultimately, the decorations should bring pizzazz to the space, and make everyone "oooh" and "aaah" when they walk in. This requires a balance between decorations on the walls, the ceiling, and on other surfaces. A disco ball hanging from the ceiling adds a lot to a party. Additionally, having a space to take aesthetic, fun pictures is crucial. Ideally, this comes with a backdrop hanging from a high spot on the wall, offering a place for your guests to say "cheese." Other than that, the decorations should make the guest of honor (the one celebrating their birthday) happy. It's that simple!

Snacks and drinks: Snacks are essential to keep your party guests nourished. My greatest recommendation is a trip to Trader Joe's to pick up the yummiest, prettiest snacks that will please anyone in the crowd. Ensure that your snacks are easy to eat, so guests do not worry about spilling everywhere. A balance of salty and sweet is always appreciated, and the guest of honor's favorites should be in the mix, of course. Drinks and snacks go hand in hand. Bubbly beverages are always welcome at a birthday party, and small servings move through a group well. Options are nice, but not necessary. The food and drinks should be laid out in an area that is easily easy to get to and obvious. A waste receptacle is appreciated, as are napkins or plates for guests to hold onto their yummy snacks and drinks. Bon appetite!

Color scheme (optional): Usually, when planning a birthday party, the color scheme coordinates with the theme of the party. If there is no theme (or even if there isn't, tbh), then there is no mandated color scheme. Similar to the decorations, the color scheme should reflect the person being celebrated. What are their favorite colors? Go from there, play around with coordinating colors, and throw in some silver and/or gold, too! It's a party, after all...!

Activities: Will you have activities at this party? Is it more of a "drop in and say happy birthday"? Whatever the case may be, make sure you have plans for guest engagement. If you are planning a themed party with a set start and end time, activities will often be welcomed. If the party is more casual, more of a "drop in when you can," activities may be harder to coordinate. There's no right or wrong. Just have fun!

Anyway, I hope your party is fantastic, and happy (almost) birthday to me!



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