

"Porch Talk"

A Newsletter



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Quote of the Month

"Happiness is not a state to arrive at, but a manner of traveling."

Margaret Lee Runbeck

June is Father's Day, it's graduations, it's weddings, it's vacations, IT'S SUMMERTIME!!!!

Tarmac Concrete Facility

Tarmac has applied for a zoning change and use permit to construct part of a new concrete mixing facility on Chautauqua Ave. The new plant will maintain a fleet of 20 concrete trucks, a mixing plant, wash & recycling equipment, wash down area and gravel storage yard. The recycling equipment is proposed for the area closest to Chautauqua and requires a zoning change, (RM60 to M2). Construction will include a hopper to receive unused concrete from the trucks. A large screw pulls the aggregate and sand from the diluted mix and drops it on a vibrating screen, separating them into piles for reuse. The wash water is funneled to four settling basins to be periodically emptied using a front end loader. Trucks will haul the concrete sediment to a disposal site. This part of the plant will be located approximately 190 feet from the S/W corner of Bayview & Chautauqua Avenue. **Ask yourself if this might be offensive to you or the neighborhood.**

Viewpoint

Six Port Norfolk residents visited a similar facility, located near Oceana, which was shut down due to economic reasons. Tarmac representatives had a concrete truck dispatched to the site to demonstrate the wash/recycling facility. At 190 feet from the equipment, although the equipment was not thunderous, it did limit conversation. Take into consideration that another 3 or 4 trucks may be waiting with motors idling. Add the noise of the concrete plant in full operation coupled with the echoing effect of the flyover situated above, then...

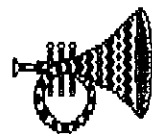
Ask yourself if this might offend you or be offensive to the neighborhood.

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PROGRAM

A horse is a horse....

unless he's racing, of course. Representatives from the race track, proposed for Portsmouth, will speak to the League at the June meeting. Come out for this informative program on Thursday, June 4th at 7:30 p.m. Meetings are held at the community center located at 432 Broad Street on the second floor. If you are in need of transportation call 399-3754.



Tarmac

Twenty trucks will be assigned to this site, each making 6 or 7 deliveries per day. This translates to an additional 130 concrete trucks entering and exiting the site daily via Bayview Blvd. and Chautauqua Ave. No other entrance or exit is planned.

Do you find this offensive?

Currently, the only buffer our historic neighborhood has between the site and Chautauqua Ave. is the area proposed and subject to rezoning. If rezoned, it will allow Tarmac and future property owners to construct facilities up to the R/W along Chautauqua Ave. Again, ask yourself the question.

Do you find this offensive?

Tarmac has a new plant located near Oceana, 30 minutes travel time from the Port Norfolk area. However, the company considers it cost effective to construct another plant here in Port Norfolk while the Oceana plant remains shut down for economic reasons. It may be in the best interest of Tarmac to develop the site on Chautauqua Avenue with the construction of the flyover forthcoming but is it in the best interest of the Port Norfolk neighborhood. Ask yourself....

Do you feel that the additional truck traffic and the noise from the plant's operation will be offensive to you or the neighborhood?

If you are interested in voicing your opposition or whether you are in favor of this rezoning and use permit, call the City Planning Office at 393-8836 and speak to Steve Wright. These applications come before the Planning Commission on June 2 at 1:30 p.m.

June Birthdays

Congratulations and Best Wishes to Lewis Thomas, Molly Epperson, Cathy Duggan, Carman Butt, Bennett Houston, Margaret Edmondson, Pete Corrigan, Willie Nelms, Laura Batten and Diane Tumblin

-HAPPY BIRTHDAY-

Going Up!

Did you know that the Port Norfolk Baptist Church now has an elevator? It made it's first trip on May 10th. The church first took action on the project in August of 1990 realizing the need for the elderly and disabled. Growth of the congregation also played a part with classrooms overloaded on the first floor. Now accessibility provides use of the 2nd and 3rd floors for education classrooms

Membership

The membership contest has concluded and the winner is..... Mrs Woodruth Motley. She will enjoy dinner at Amory's Seafood Restuarant. Congratulations and thanks for your effort to bring new members into the League.

Currently membership for 1992 totals 128 members. Membership is only \$ 2.50 annually per person. Support the neighborhood through your membership Call Deb Foytik at 397-7164

Pig Alert-----Pigs on Parade

Calling all Port Norfolk pigs. Bring your piglets and hogs. Don't be a boar, come pig out at the Port Norfolk Pig Pickin'. June 28th at 3:00 p.m. The location of the pig pen will be announced at a later date. Bring your favorite food dish to share with the swine. Pork, drinks, and dessert will be provided. Bring a chair to rest your ham hocks on after a day of games & excitement. Dress appropriately; pig outfit, of course! Best costume awarded.

Call Deb Foytik for location. 397-7164



From the Editor

If you are interested in sharing some news with "Porch Talk", contact the editor. The deadline for submitting information is the 22nd of the month. Call Kevin or Carolyn Wyatt. 399-3754