

# PORCH TALK

JULY 2003



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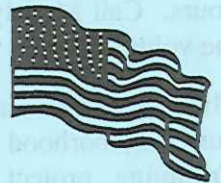
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## HAPPY 4TH OF JULY!



### Picnic in the Park!

Instead of our normal civic league meeting in the month of July, we like to celebrate with the whole neighborhood in our own Fountain Park.

This year will be no exception. So come on out!

**Sunday, July 20th, 3—6 p.m.**

Come enjoy our beautiful park and the camaraderie of your neighbors. Hotdogs, hamburgers and drinks will be provided. Bring a covered dish to share and lawn chairs, too.

There will be fun and games for kids and adults alike. Don't forget our annual bicycle parade. Start thinking about your decorations now! Prizes will be awarded.



See you there!



## Coming Events

**Reminder:** There will be no Civic League meeting for the month of July.

**July 11-13:** Dumpsters will be available to help us clear up the debris in our yards and alleys.

**July 12:** Tree Trimming Task Force — Please see article on page two. Volunteers are still needed!

**July 18th, 7 pm:** Broad Street Books. "Worst Dating Story" contest. Come tell your worst dating story and enter to win a \$100 gift certificate to Market Fare. They'll also be giving away copies of Rita McLaughlin's new book, *Every Friday Night*.

**July 20:** Annual Potluck Picnic in the Park

**July 22nd, 7-9 pm:** Broad Street Books. The book club will be discussing *Hard Sleeper* with author Jennifer Bushnell. This wonderful suspense story was written by Jennifer and her mother.

### Yard of the Month

2701 Bayview Boulevard

Congratulations! Your yard looks lovely.  
Keep up the good work!



## Renovators Corner



Congratulations to John and Tammy Lifsey of 229 Mount Vernon for their Featured Renovation project, highlighted in a *Virginian Pilot* article by Mary Ellen Miles titled *Port Norfolk Preserves its Historic Charm*. Following is an excerpt from the article:

"John and Tammy Lifsey lived in Virginia Beach before buying a duplex and restoring it to a single family home. Their three-story house, built in 1900, has original woodwork, as well as some mahogany pocket doors. When they moved in, the Lifseys spent about 18 months renovating the house, which now has three bedrooms and 2 baths. Bathrooms were renovated, an efficiency kitchen was made into a master bathroom and central air conditioning was added. The next project will be to convert the attic into a bedroom. "With a historic home, you're never 'totally finished,'" said Tammy Lifsey, "but they don't build them like this anymore, that's for sure."

This article was published June 16, 2001, but the full text is available online at <http://homes.hamptonroads.com>.

### In Sympathy...

We would like to offer our condolences to the families of Etta House and Johnny Clayson. Johnny grew up here in Port Norfolk.





**Recycle Date:  
July 18**



## It's Tree Trimming Time

So that we don't have to do all our own trimming ourselves, Madalyn Grimes, Port Norfolk's environmental mentor, is forming a Port Norfolk Tree Trimming Task Force to cut back all the extra growth on the curbside trees. Bring your muscles, your teenage sons, your bow saws and nippers and join us at the **Recreation Center (432 Broad Street) at 9 am on July 12<sup>th</sup>** so that we can wage war together. "Many hands make the work light," so if enough people come, this project should not take more than a couple of hours. Call Madalyn at 397-0900 to add your name to the volunteer list!

The City of Portsmouth is providing three dumpsters to our neighborhood for the clippings from the Tree Trimming project. But they are also being made available to the Port Norfolk community for anything you wish to discard, **except for hazardous materials such as asbestos, tires, paint etc.** It's time to clean out those sheds, those weed gardens in our alleys and those "extras" we will probably never repair. July 11 - 13, three dumpsters will be located on the 600 block of Maryland, the cul de sac of Douglas and the 400 block of Douglas.

## PORCH CHATTER...

- ★ Broad Street United Methodist Church is opening their library to the community beginning this month. The library is open every Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 2 to 4 pm. The librarian will be on hand to assist you with your selections during this time. Come and check out their wide selection of books for children and adults.

## Good Neighbor Reminders

- ★ We hope all of your yard sales are successful this year, and that none of them get rained out! Please, after your sale, remember to take down your signs, especially from the telephone poles, road signs etc.
- ★ I don't know about you, but I've found a lot more trash in my front yard this spring. Let's all try to hold on to our snack wrappers and drink containers until we find a trash can.

## Calling all writers!

If you have a submission for August's *Porch Talk*, please send an e-mail to [publicity@portnorfolk.org](mailto:publicity@portnorfolk.org) or call Mandy Schuchhardt at 399-5649.

Submissions for August's issue are due no later than Monday, July 21.



## July Birthdays

We wish a very happy birthday to Sandra Bailey, Archie Barclift, Ralph Batten, Chuck Beeler, Guy Buck, W.C. Crawford, Martha Ann Creecy, Mary Curro, Connie Dalhaus, Jason Harrington, Nancy Jackson, Gene Kovacs, Roger Skipwith, Patsy Woodland and Blair Young.

## WHAT YOU MISSED AT THE JUNE PORT NORFOLK CIVIC LEAGUE MEETING:

Traci Gilland, the Virginia Cooperative Extension Agent for Portsmouth, was an excellent speaker who encouraged and taught us well on many subjects such as pesticides, plant damage, carpenter bees, snails etc.

Traci is a valuable resource for us, since our tax dollars pay her to be a consultant in all areas of gardening and environmental horticulture. If you have any questions for Traci, or if you're interested in a terrific Master Gardener training program, please feel free to call her at 393-5314, or stop by her office at 105 Utah Street. You may also reach her by e-mail at [tgilland@vt.edu](mailto:tgilland@vt.edu).

**Clip this important information and keep it by your telephone for easy reference.**

## N.E.A.T. OFFICER

Our NEAT officer is Rusty Venters. Please contact him if you see anything suspicious going on in Port Norfolk:

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## Port Norfolk Civic League Membership Form

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Birthdate(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Park Donation: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail or take this and \$5 for each new member to: Chuck Beeler, 500 Mt. Vernon Ave., Portsmouth, VA 23707. If you would like to make a donation to Fountain Park, please mail it to Port Norfolk Civic League, PO Box 7114, Portsmouth, VA 23707.