

PORCH TALK

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CIVIC LEAGUE MEETING

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 7:30 PM

PORT NORFOLK

RECREATION CENTER

432 BROAD STREET

Join us as members of Port Norfolk's business community share their ideas for the community, as well as some of the new, exciting services they are providing right here in Port Norfolk. Don't miss it!

Last month, the League installed its officers for 2004. An actor portraying Colonel William Crawford, the founder of Portsmouth, performed the ceremony, and talked briefly about the history of the city and Port Norfolk.

Our guest speaker was Portsmouth Chief of Police Frank J. Kitzerow. With 25 years of law enforcement experience, Kitzerow is committed to developing a meaningful relationship between the police department and Portsmouth's 78 civic leagues.

Kitzerow shared that, despite a short-handed police force, crime was down every month in 2003 in comparison with 2002. He spoke about developing community-oriented approaches to crime prevention, saying "The Portsmouth Police Department will set the benchmark for excellence in the law enforcement community." He also discussed forthcoming technological advance that will decrease response times. He has high hopes for crime reduction in our city, something we can all look forward to!

In Sympathy...

We've lost quite a few good friends in the past few months. Folks who have been valuable in our neighborhood for many, many years. We offer our sympathies to the family of John Lovelace of Bayview, and also the families of Catherine "Kitty" Thomas, May Haycock and Evelyn Hopkins, longtime members of the civic league who were very active in contributing to the neighborhood bake sales and activities. We'll miss them!

RENOVATORS' CORNER



Many new materials are being approved for use in our Historic District. The Commission of Architectural Review (CAR) is constantly investigating new products to determine how they perform over time and how they may be used to compliment our historic homes. You may be happy to learn that CAR has approved wood composite tongue-and-groove porch flooring for several project; it costs less, performs well and looks better over time than affordable wood flooring materials. In cases where slate roofs must be replaced, CAR has recently approved installation of synthetic slate. This product has become more affordable, and can be installed for just 10 percent more than scalloped architectural grade shingles!

The process for getting CAR approval to renovate your home's exterior is relatively quick and easy. Call Jocelyn at 393-8836, extension 4203, to receive the one page form. Jocelyn can approve many projects immediately; more complex requests are approved at CAR's monthly meeting. Most applicants gain approval within 30 days of applying - so don't put off making a change for the better - call CAR today!



Yard of the Month



341 Douglas Avenue

Congratulations! Your yard looks beautiful despite the weather. Thank you for doing your part to improve our community. Keep up the excellent work!



Homes Tour 2004

Christmas may be over, but we're already starting to plan for Port Norfolk's Christmas Homes Tour 2004! One thing we'd like to add this year is music in every home. If you're interested in opening your home for the neighborhood this year, or if you have a musical gift you'd like to contribute to the ambiance, please call Tammy Lifsey at 393-1961.





Coming Events

- ☞ Every Saturday, 7:30 am, Port Norfolk Bike: Saturday Morning Ride, an A/B pace ride with some sprint efforts.
- ☞ February 2, 6 pm, Cup of Heaven: Ladies' Night and Beauty Control Spa Night.
- ☞ February 9, 6 pm, Cup of Heaven: Ladies' Night and Pampered Chef Demonstration.
- ☞ February 16, 6 pm, Cup of Heaven: Ladies' Night.
- ☞ February 23, 6 pm, Cup of Heaven: Ladies' Night and Home Interiors Demonstration.

Porch Chatter

- ☞ The City of Portsmouth is holding two community Meetings this year. At these meetings, citizens may speak about community and neighborhood concerns. The meetings will be held at Churchland High School on May 17 and at Wilson High School on September 20. Both meetings will begin at 7 pm.
- ☞ Students from Hampton University will again be circulating through our neighborhood and along Bayview, working on design projects. Please welcome the students, as they are providing a valuable gift to us through their plans for beautifying our waterfront when the bridge is finished!
- ☞ Be watching for details on Port Norfolk's spring party at the waterfront in the next installment of the *Porch Talk!*
- ☞ Mark your calendars now. Civic Pride Day is August 14!

February Birthdays

We wish a very happy birthday to Port Norfolk residents Shannon Chance, Sally Charnock, Linwood Grimes, Grace Haymes, Brenda Johnson, Kelly Matteson, David Ponton, Joanne Ramsay, Jessica Rivers and Charlie Tisdale.

Good Neighbor Reminders

- ☞ If the city fails to pick up your bulk trash, call 393-8663. Please remember that our normal pickup is on Friday morning, and bulk trash should not be placed on the curb before Thursday evening. This is a great service our city does for us – many cities do not provide bulk pickup. Let's take advantage of this privilege by cleaning up our alleyways and letting them do the hauling for us. And also, let's not exploit this service by putting unsightly piles on the streets too early in the week.
- ☞ Please don't park your car on the grass in your front yard. This is unattractive and against city zoning ordinances. Instead, park on the street or in your driveway.

IMPORTANT REMINDER:

If you are a Port Norfolk Civic League member, or want to be one, don't forget to pay your dues for 2004! Please use the enrollment form at the bottom of this page to update your membership.

If you are a resident or business owner and have a submission for or want to advertise in March's *Porch Talk*, please send an e-mail to publicity@portnorfolk.org, or call Mandy Schuchhardt at 399-5649. **Deadline is February 15, 2004.** We look forward to hearing from you!

N.E.A.T. Officer

Port Norfolk's NEAT officer is Chris Gilmore. Please contact him if you see anything suspicious going on in Port Norfolk:

Pager: 533-1226
Cell: 235-5655



Port Norfolk Civic League Membership Form

Name(s): _____ Birthdate(s): _____
Address: _____
Phone Number: _____ Park Donation: _____
E-mail: _____

I would prefer not to receive e-mail correspondence from the Port Norfolk Civic League.

Mail or take this form and \$5 for each new member to the Civic League meeting or to Eddie Schuchhardt, 505 Florida Ave., Portsmouth, VA, 23707. To make a donation to Fountain Park, please mail it to Port Norfolk Civic League, P.O. Box 7114, Portsmouth, VA 23707. Please make checks payable to the Port Norfolk Civic League.