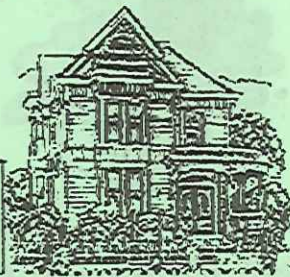
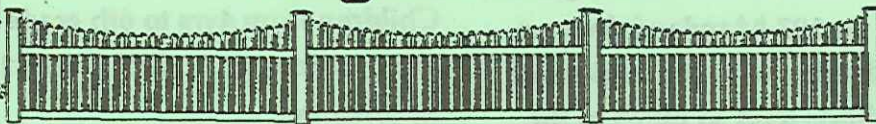
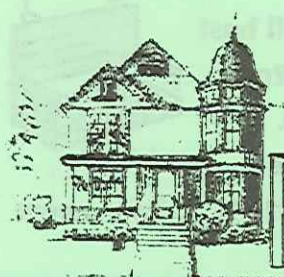


Porch Talk

August 2004



Port Norfolk Civic League

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August League Meeting

Please plan to join us on Thursday, August 5th at 7:00PM for the monthly Civic League Meeting. This month's speaker will be Mike Johnson of the Virginia Dept of Transportation. He will be providing us with an update on the Pinners Point Bypass and will answer any questions you may have. This is a meeting we will all want to attend to learn the status of the project and when we can again expect to receive relief from the traffic flow through the neighborhood. League meetings are held the first Thursday of each month at the Port Norfolk Recreation Center at 432 Broad Street. Remember, this is YOUR Civic League. Lets all get behind our neighborhood and show our support.

Curbside Recycling Program is a Go!

Great news! Based on the number of residents who have signed up for the curbside recycling program offered by SPSA, the agency has agreed to return to our neighborhood to pick up recyclable items from in front of our homes. The program involves a \$10/month fee which includes a SPSA provided container to collect the items. SPSA will pick up from the containers every other Friday. It's not too late to get on board. If you'd like to participate, you may contact Jon Berry at 397-7221 to obtain a registration form. Remember, if you don't feel that you have enough recyclable items to warrant the \$10/month fee, consider partnering with a neighbor to split the cost and share the container. Many thanks to Jon and Julia Berry for leading the effort to bring this service back to our neighborhood. It's wonderful to see their effort succeed!

August Birthdays



Many happy returns to everyone celebrating a birthday during the month of August. It's your special day to celebrate and live it up!!

Janet Atzert, Jon Berry, Eric Duskin, David Elkins, Madalyn Grimes, Karen Hunter, Tyson Miller, Mary Taylor.

Happy Retirement

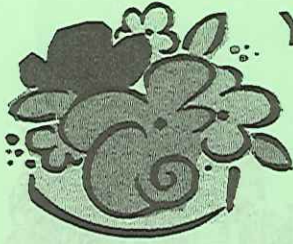
On Saturday, July 10th, G.C. Webster retired after nearly 50 years of cutting hair in Port Norfolk. Mr. Webster owned and operated the barbershop on Detroit Street. Many neighbors, customers, and friends stopped in to share memories, stories, and to wish Mr. Webster and his wife the best as they embark on his first vacation is 25 years! The entire story published in The Virginian-Pilot can be read online at: <http://home.hamptonroads.com/stories/story.cf?story=72885&ran=198107>.

Membership Reminder

Our Civic League does much to represent our neighborhood and support our interests. In order to have an effective voice we need your participation to show that all of our residents are involved in making Port Norfolk strong, are involved in preserving our history, and ensuring that we continue down this amazing direction our neighborhood as taken. If you haven't already, please consider joining the League as a member. Dues are only \$5 per person per year and ensure your right to vote on neighborhood issues and annual election of officers to the board. The League's purpose is to represent YOUR voice and to do that, it needs to hear from you. You may join by completing the form on the back of this issue of Porch Talk and either bringing it to the next League meeting or mailing it to Madalyn Grimes, Membership Chairperson at the address listed on the form. Thank you for your support!

Submissions for Porch Talk

If you have something you would like to submit to publish in Porch Talk, please either call Chuck Beeler at 397-1154 or send an email to publicity@portnorfolk.org. We'd love to hear about special events or recognizing someone's achievements. The deadline is the 20th of the month prior to publication.



Yard of the Month

The yard of the month for July was 549 Broad Street. This month's award goes to 127 Maryland Avenue.

Congratulations and thank you to the families of both winners. Your efforts lend so much to the appeal of Port Norfolk and are beautiful.

Good Neighbor Reminders

From time to time we all need reminding how some of the things we do impact our neighbors and community. Here are some things we should all keep in mind.

Lots of rain mixed with that summer sun makes for fast growing grass. Lets keep our lawns cut.

Parking vehicles in our yards where no driveway is present is a violation of city code. Please keep parking in the street or alleys.

Bulk pick up takes place on Fridays in Port Norfolk. Please limit the placing of items for pick up to Thursday evenings to keep our streets looking nice.

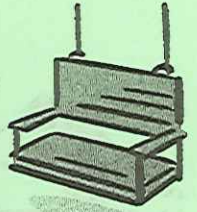
Yard sale signs should be removed from utility poles after the sale. Please don't leave them hanging up for your neighbors to deal with.

Commission for Architectural Review

This month's application deadline is August 30th for the meeting held on September 7th. Remember, you must have approval before making ANY modifications to the exterior of your home. Contact Jocelyn Adumauh at 393-8836 ext. 4203. Often, Jocelyn can give administrative approval for your work depending upon the details of what it is you are planning to do, which would make gaining approval as simple as a phone call or a visit downtown. She can also advise if your request requires approval from the commission. It's always best to check first and ensure that you secure approval before proceeding with any work.

Porch Chatter

Port Norfolk Baptist Church will host its Vacation Bible School Aug 2nd thru Aug 6th from 9am - noon. Children from 4yrs to 6th grade are welcome. Call 393-1041 for more information.



Volunteers are needed to deliver Porch Talk. This is a great way to support your neighborhood and to get some exercise. Call JoAnne Ramsay at 391-0340 if you can spare some time once per month.

Our neighborhood is unique with the number of neighbor owned businesses located in the heart of of Port Norfolk. It's beneficial to us all to make those businesses our first choice when making buying decisions. We are fortunate enough in our very own neighborhood to be able to start out with a great cup of coffee, leisurely stroll and shop a variety of stores, have lunch, and end the day with a fantastic dinner and even live music on some nights. All the while supporting businesses here in Port Norfolk.

Other Important Contacts

Neighborhood NEAT Officer

Chris Gilmore is Port Norfolk's neighborhood NEAT officer from the Portsmouth Police Department. Contact him to report any suspicious activity you observe. His pager number is 533-1226 and his cell phone number is 235-5655.

City Inspector

Aaron Sawyer is the City Environmental Inspector assigned to Port Norfolk. Aaron ensures that property is up to city code and ensures that any violations are responded to and corrected. If you notice any concerns that should be brought to his attention, please contact him at 393-8522. This includes tall grass, neglected or deteriorating structures, abandoned or junk cars, etc.

It takes all of us looking out for our neighborhood to make a difference!

Port Norfolk Civic League Membership Form

Name: _____ Birthday Month(s): _____
Address: _____ Park Donation: _____
Phone: _____ Email Address: _____

Mail or take this form and \$5 per member to Madalyn Grimes, 108 Florida Ave. Fountain Park donations should be mailed to Port Norfolk Civic League, PO Box 7114, Portsmouth, VA 23707.