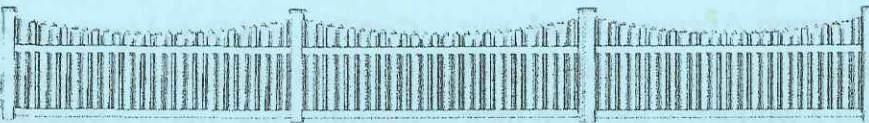
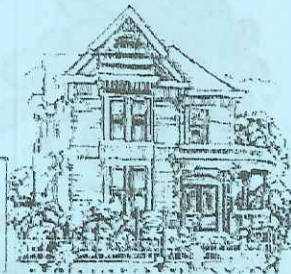
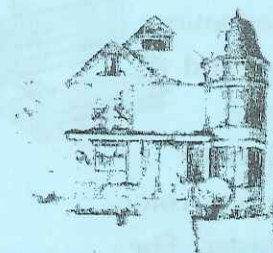


Porch Talk

September 2004



Port Norfolk Civic League

P.O. Box 7114

Portsmouth, VA 23707

check out our neighborhood website: www.portnorfolk.org

September League Meeting

One more time! We will again host Mike Johnson from VDOT at our September meeting due to the scheduling conflict last month. Mike will be on hand to update us on the progression with the Pinners Point Connector and will hopefully be able to give us an idea of when we might expect the new bridge to once again open.

This month's meeting will be held on Thursday, September 2nd at 7:00PM. PLEASE NOTE: This month's meeting will be held at Port Norfolk Baptist Church due to the recreation center not being available. The church is at the corner of Broad Street and Detroit. Please plan on joining us!



September Birthdays

Happy Birthday to you.....Happy Birthday to you.....To everyone celebrating their special day in the month of September...Cheers!!

Jim Windley, Connie Austin

Steve Dalhaus, and Erin Taylor.

One More Call for Recycling!!

As reported in last month's Porch Talk, enough of our neighbors signed up for the curbside recycling program, that SPSA agreed to again pick up from Port Norfolk. You can still sign up if you haven't already. The fee is \$10 per month and SPSA will deliver a large container for your items. Pick up is every other Friday from in front of your home. If you'd like to register for this program, contact Jon Berry at 397-7221 for an application. Its worth saying one more time that if you don't feel you have enough items to recycle, consider sharing the cost and the container with a neighbor!

Another Party?

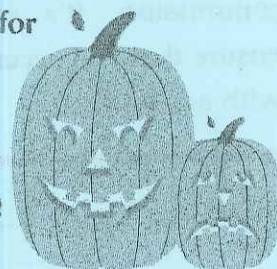
With our celebration in May short lived by the reopening of the old bridge, there has been much interest shown in having another celebration once the new bridge opens (for good!). The timing will be challenging based upon when we receive a new opening date. There may not be much time to organize something with a lot of lead time before the weather begins getting chilly. So, neighbors, this is your alert. If you are interested in joining your neighbors again to celebrate the permanent removal of traffic from Port Norfolk, watch the October newsletter. We will more than likely have a very small window to RSVP assuming the bridge opens in time to have an outside celebration.

Renovate Portsmouth

Much interest has been shown toward our effort to bring a renovator's home show to Portsmouth. The idea for the event showcases businesses that specialize in the needs of homeowners who are in the process of renovating and will consider the historic nature of ours and other neighborhoods in the city. Volunteers are still needed for the committee. If you'd like to participate, please call Richard Ivy at 399-0791. This city has expressed its support and this has the potential to be a major event. Please respond to Richard if you're able to lend a hand.

Start Thinking Halloween

It's not too early to begin putting your ideas together for this year's pumpkin carving contest. On Friday, October 29th, our judges will roam the streets of Port Norfolk looking for those spooky creations and awarding ribbons. There will be more details in the Oct issue of Porch Talk, but start thinking about your entry now.



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
 Congratulations to this month's selection for yard of the month at 244 Mt Vernon Avenue. Thank you for your part in making Port Norfolk shine! Everyone is doing such a wonderful job with their lawns. The neighborhood is really looking fantastic!



Our Community Center is Busy!!

The following programs are being offered by the Port Norfolk Recreation Center. For more information about any of these programs, contact Delores Parker at 393-8709.

Adult Basic Education, beginning September 7th

from 9am - 1pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Beginner Aerobics for ages 14 and up.

Wednesdays from 6pm - 7pm. \$60 for adults and \$40 for youth.

Gymnastics and Tumbling Classes - \$9, Cherring

Classes - \$10

ABC & Me for ages 2 to 4. Learn through stories, games, and crafts. Tuesdays and Thursdays from

10am - 11.

After school program begins Sept 7th 3-6pm and teens from 5:30-7pm.

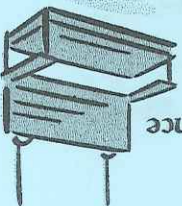
Daytime activities for senior citizens.

Our recreation center is located at 432 Broad Street and is here to serve our community!

Commission for Architectural Review

This month's application deadline is September 30th for the meeting held on October 5th. Remember, you must have approval before making ANY modifications to the exterior of your home. Contact Jocelyn Adumaugh 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
 Village Hair Salon is proud to announce the addition of Massage Therapy and facials. Pat Hudson, a Nationally Certified and State Licensed Massage Therapist has studied aromatherapy, color-hydrotherapy, and is a Reiki Master. She specializes in women's issues such as emotional, physical, and mental abuse. Hours by appointment are available Wed-Fri by calling 399-1910. Call for monthly specials. The location is at the corner of Broad and Detroit Streets on the second floor beside the Lofty Bean.



Thank you to Jim and Margaret Windley for your donation to Fountain Park!

The city has vacancies on a number of boards and commissions. If you would like to volunteer, please contact John Lifsey @ 399-2383 for an application. Some examples of open committees are: Building Code Board of Appeals, Parking Authority, Towing Advisory, Parks and Recreation, Aging Commission, Committee for persons with disabilities, and the Mayor's Sister Cities Commission. Volunteers make these committees work!

Other Important Contacts

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