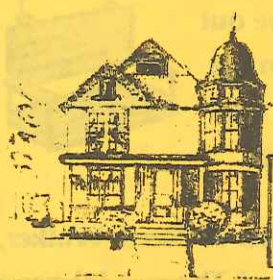


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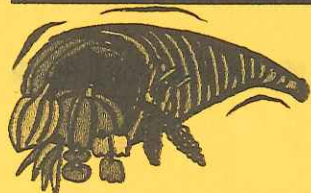


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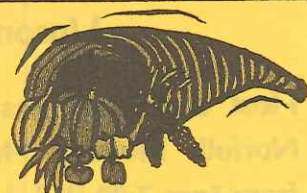
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Happy Thanksgiving

"To speak gratitude is courteous and pleasant, to enact gratitude is generous and noble"



November League Meeting

Colonel Chris Connally of the Portsmouth Police Dept will be speaking on November 4th about the creation of Police Service Areas. He will explain what this means to Port Norfolk and its effect on the city. League meetings are held the first Thursday of each month at the Port Norfolk Recreation Center at 432 Broad Street. 7:00PM. Come out and support your League. We look forward to seeing you there!

Reaching Out to the Community

The Port Norfolk Civic League recently donated a new Epson color printer and a used Pentium III Sony laptop to Mikhail Felton of Florida Avenue. Mikhail lost his legs in a car accident on Churchland Bridge last spring. League members hope the equipment will assist him with school and rehabilitation. Shannon Chance delivered the equipment along with Ernest Smalls, who lost his legs, and frequently visits Mikhail to offer advice and support. Many thanks to Shannon for bringing this to our attention and seeing this through on behalf of our neighborhood!! See our website, portnorfolk.org for the story and photo.

November Birthdays

Yet another year has passed and it's once again time to wish a Happy Birthday to all those born in November....Best wishes going out to Ryan Brunsvold, Kenneth Caldwell, Christine Caldwell, David Chance, Nancy Ivy, Tammy Lifsey, Cheryl Powell, Michael Taylor, and Jana Young.



Bridge Party Postponed

Due to the time of year and late notice, response was not what was hoped for the new bridge party, so instead of this fall, the party will be rescheduled for spring. Money will be returned to those who had already paid for their tickets.

Historic Port Norfolk

Holiday Tour of Homes, Sunday December 5th from 3-7 PM

This is your opportunity to take a peak inside some of the most breathtaking homes in Port Norfolk, dating back to 1889.

Each is beautifully decorated for the holiday season. The Port Norfolk Business District will have an open house during the tour as well.

After you visit the homes, consider dining at once of our local restaurants and taking a vintage horse and carriage ride. This truly will be an unforgettable evening that you won't want to miss. Call Tammy

Lifsey at 399-2383 for more information. Advance tickets available at Broad Street Books, Grape Arbor, High Street Landing Kiosk, Near the Bay, Sweet Temptations, Tulips, and Way Back Yonder Antiques.

Yard of the Month
 Congratulations to this month's selection for yard of the month at 162 Chauauqua Avenue. The rest of the neighborhood appreciates your efforts and your part in making Port Norfolk look its very best!! Way to go!



Upcoming Events

Host and Hostesses are needed for the Port Norfolk Holiday Homes Tour December 5th from 3pm-7:00 PM. Hosts will be treated to a fee preview tour of the homes December 4th so you won't miss any of the excitement by volunteering! For more information please call Connie at 398-8151 or e-mail tourhosts@portnorfolk.org

This year's Christmas decorating contest will be judged on Saturday, December 4th beginning at 6:30pm. This year will bring a change. Instead of five generic winners, there will be five categories judged. Best Decorated Door, Best Traditional, Best Novelty (fun & festive), Best Lighting Effects, and Best All Around. The judges for this annual contest are from outside of the neighborhood to ensure a fair evaluation. Now that you know what they'll be looking for, start thinking how you can dress your home up for the holidays and possibly come in as one of our winners!

Commission for Architectural Review
 This month's application deadline was not available in time. Contact Jocelyn at the number below for the application and meeting dates. 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
 Many thanks to those who came out and supported the fall festival in the business district. It was a great day! Look for another later this month.



Our condolences to the families of Reed Walker, Lois James, Dianne Fulgham, and Thomas Johnson Jr. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.

Thank you to Ken & Tracey Kroger for your park donation!
 Until the new bypass is completed, trucks are being routed from the port onto Wesley Ave to Chauauqua and up to Cleveland. To our neighbors impacted...hang in there!!
 Reminder about refuse disposal. Household and lawn waste as well as cardboard boxes should be placed in the alley for pickup. Boxes broken down and folded, lawn waste in clear bags and trash bagged, in the container with the lid shut. Bulk items should be placed at the curb no earlier than Thursday afternoons and clear of cars, poles, and signs for pick up on Fridays.
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: _____
 Address: _____
 Phone: _____
 Park Donation: _____
 Email Address: _____
 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.