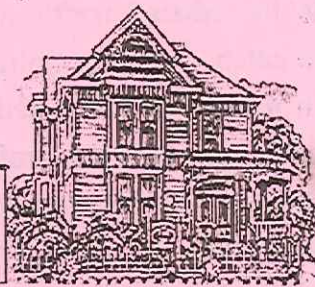
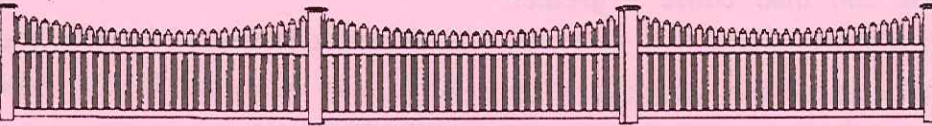
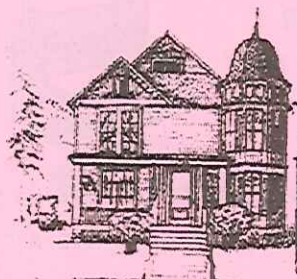


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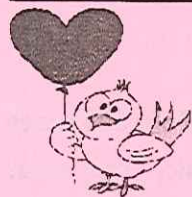


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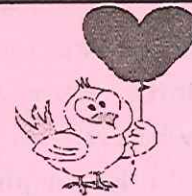
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Happy Valentines Day

"Gravity can not be held responsible for people falling in love"



February League Meeting

I apologize to everyone that Porch Talk did not reach you prior to the League meeting. I had a complete mix up of my dates. We strive to get the newsletter out prior to the meetings each month and will continue to do so. The meeting hosted Cathy Warren from the Portsmouth Redevelopment and Housing Authority on February 3rd at 7PM. Reminder that League Meetings are the first Thursday of every month.



February Birthdays

Happy Birthday to all of the cupids celebrating their birthday in February....Best wishes going out to Shannon Chance, Linwood Grimes, Grace Haymes, Grace Hood, Kelly Matteson, Joanne Ramsey, and Peggy Silverthorne. Want to ensure a special person's birthday is recognized in Porch Talk? Email me at publicity@portnorfolk.org.

10th Annual NEAT Summit

On Saturday, February 26th, the City of Portsmouth will host the 10th annual NEAT Summit. This event will be held at I.C. Norcom High School from 10AM - 3:30PM. Free child care is being offered as well as door prizes, refreshments, and even transportation. To register via the web, go to www.portsmouthpd.org and click on the NEAT banner. To register by phone or to get more information, call 393-8092 or 393-8662.

Porch Talk Submissions

If you have an item you'd like to submit for publication in Porch Talk, please either email your item to Chuck Beeler at publicity@portnorfolk.org or call him at 418-0304. We'd love to hear from you about any special events or celebrations that you'd like recognized among your neighbors!

2005 Civic League Board

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Membership Reminder

January marks the time that membership dues are up for renewal. Please take the time to either renew your membership with the League or join if you haven't in the past. Dues are only \$5 per person for the entire year. We rely on the backing of a large membership when representing our neighborhood in issues that impact our quality of life, property values, and preservation of our architectural integrity. See the form on the back of Porch Talk.

Lets Slow Down

With reduced traffic in the neighborhood, it's easy to catch ourselves going too fast. Lets all try to keep in mind that the speed limit is only 25mph. Along with the reduced traffic can also come a greater number of children outside playing. We need to keep this in mind and respect our neighbors by observing the posted speed limits.

Grab Your Paintbrushes!

If you are a weekend artist and would love to have three hours all on your own to paint, draw, or whatever it is you like to do, consider joining a group of other neighborhood artists on the 3rd Saturday of each month at Port Norfolk Baptist Church. The group meets from 9am to Noon in room 205. Just Bring your art supplies, knowledge and your passion for art. This is a time for adults and no child care or supervision is provided. For more information, contact Carroll Sawyer at 393-1041 or just show up on Saturday, February 19th at 9am!

CAR Meeting Dates

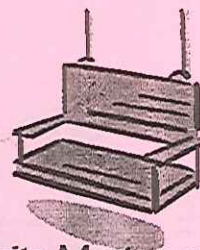
The next CAR meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 1st. The application deadline for this meeting is one week prior on February 22nd. As spring approaches and we consider various things that need to be done to our homes, keep in mind that any exterior changes must be done with approval from CAR (Commission for Architectural Review). A good first step is to contact the commission's representative with the city, Jocelyn Adumauh at 393-8836, extension 4203. There are times when Jocelyn can provide you with administrative approval for your project without having to appear before the committee.

Home Renovators Show

April 16th at I. C. Norcom high School the Port Norfolk Civic league will sponsor a renovators home show. There will be exhibitors for roofing, windows, stained glass, fireplaces, wood products, everything. There will be training class for do-it yourselfers, loan officers, Building officials, Architectural review committee members, State Preservation officials....everybody. We would like your help and participation. Please call Richard Ivy, 399-0791, to help or rent a booth.

Porch Chatter

Many thanks to our sign painting volunteers who stepped forward after last month's call for assistance!



Our condolences to the family of Juanita Morton as well as to Ken and Denise Smith. Our prayers are with all of you.

Congratulations to Jacob Foytik for making the Dean's List at Old Dominion University.

Thank you to Sue & Clinton Varner, Ken & Tracey Kroger, and Robert & Diana Puchinsky for your donations to Fountain Park!

We currently have adopt a spot locations available in the park if you'd like to help out with our efforts. Contact Debbie Foytik at 397-7164 if you'd like to volunteer.

If you'd like to receive updates regarding Port Norfolk events and League Meetings via email, visit our website at www.portnorfolk.org and register your email address. This is a great way to stay informed about things that can easily slip our minds as our lives become hectic.

Other Important Contacts Neighborhood NEAT Officer

Matt Crutcher 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 624-4364.

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: _____

Birthday Month(s): _____
Park Donation: _____
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.