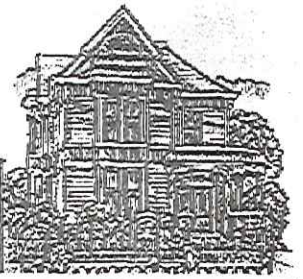
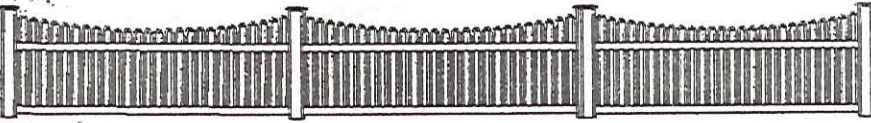
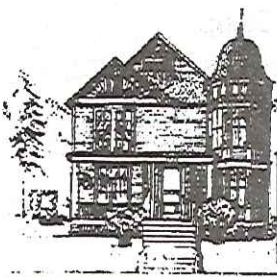


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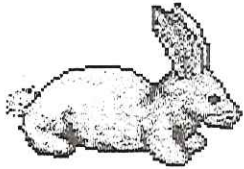


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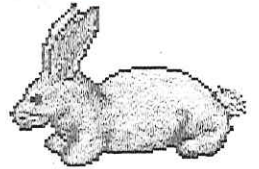
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Happy Easter!



March League Meeting

March's Civic League meeting will be held on Thursday, March 3rd at 7:00pm. This month's speaker will be Tommy Heath from Norfolk County Feed and Seed. Tommy will be giving us some spring planting tips and will answer anyone's questions. Remember, League meetings are held the first Thursday of each month at the Port Norfolk Recreation Center at 432 Broad Street at 7:00PM.

February Meeting Canceled

Thanks to everyone who braved the snow and tried to make it to the February League meeting. Unfortunately the city closed the recreation center, requiring that the meeting be canceled at the last minute.

Neighborhood Watch

With the majority of our streets now closed to through traffic, we face a risk of increased crime due to the absence of all those extra eyes that used to drive through our neighborhood. Recent incidents have prompted interest in perhaps creating a Neighborhood Watch program in cooperation with the police department. At this point, we'd like to see the amount of interest in this program. If you share your neighbor's concerns and would like to express your interest to participate and help, please contact Mandy Schuchhardt at 399-5649.

March Birthdays

Wishing everyone a very special birthday who celebrates during March... Harry Costello, Sherry Frink, Maria Merkel, Jane Eure, and Joan Merritt. Want to ensure a special person's birthday is recognized in Porch Talk? Email me at publicity@portnorfolk.org and I'll be sure to include them in our monthly listing.



Remember Our Businesses

Port Norfolk is unique in that we have such a great business district located in the heart of our neighborhood. Many of the businesses located in what has been termed "the village" are owned by your neighbors. As spring arrives and you find yourself out and about, please stop by and support them and enjoy just one of the things that makes Port Norfolk so unique and special.

February's Issue of Porch Talk

I wanted to take an opportunity to apologize for the late delivery of the February Porch Talk. I completely mixed up my print dates and unfortunately did not deliver it to our printer in time to be distributed the weekend prior to the scheduled League meeting. This month, we're back on track though!

Easter Egg Hunt!

Broad Street United Methodist Church will host its annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 26th from 11:00AM - 12:30PM at 300 Broad Street.

The event is for children in preschool through the sixth grade. Activities include the egg hunt, games, refreshments, popcorn, cotton candy, etc. Bring a bag with your name on it for gathering your eggs and



invite a friend to come along! For more information, contact Nancy Jackson at the church at 397-6314.

The deadline for April Porch Talk submissions is March 20th!



Yard of the Month

Congratulations to March's selection for Yard of the Month. The award goes to 332 Florida Avenue.

We'd also like to recognize February's winner, 630 Douglas Avenue. Wonderful job to both winners! Thank you for making Port Norfolk shine!

League Membership

Is joining the Civic League something you've been meaning to do but just haven't gotten around to it? Remember, every month the form is printed in Portch Talk. Dues are only \$5 per person, per year. Why not take a few minutes while you're thinking about it and clip out the membership form and send it in.

Port Norfolk Email Board

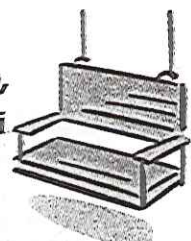
The email distribution list regarding neighborhood issues has been very active lately. There have been good discussions on crime, neighborhood watch, and of course reminders about meetings. Haven't signed up yet to receive these emails and the opportunity to join in on some of the discussions? Why not do it now? Just send an email to webmaster@portnorfolk.org and ask to be added. The level of communication lately has been great, and it's an awesome opportunity to get to know some of your neighbors!

CAR Meeting Deadlines

The April CAR (Commission for Architectural Review) will be held on Tuesday, April 5th. The application date for the meeting is one week prior on March 29th. Remember, you must have approval before doing any exterior work on you 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

A big congratulations to Jessica Stepp, daughter of Mark and Sallie DiVenuti who not only has been inducted into the National Honor Society, but has also been accepted to the College of William and Mary. Way to go Jessica!



Warm wishes and prayers go out to Michael Robinson for a speedy and full recovery.

Thank you to Dr. Florence Hood for your donation to Fountain Park!

City regulations state that commercial vehicles over 6 feet tall can not be parked overnight in the neighborhood. Please be courteous to your neighbors and consider this.

If you are having problems with stray or unrestrained animals in the neighborhood, please call Animal Control at 393-8430. If you are a pet owner, please do not let them run free within the neighborhood. While many of us love animals, we should respect our neighbor's feelings and property.

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.

Home Renovators Show Reminder

A reminder about the Home Renovator's show on April 16th at I.C. Norcom High School that the Civic League will be sponsoring. There will be exhibitors for roofing, windows, stained glass, fireplaces, wood products..everything!! Also, do-it-yourself classes will be offered and on hand will be loan officers, building officials, CAR members, and state preservation officials. To rent a booth or to help out, please call Richard Ivy at 399-0791. This

Port Norfolk Civic League Membership Form

Name: _____
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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.