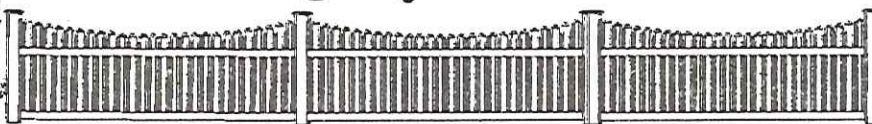
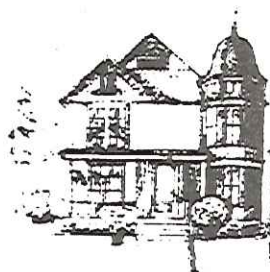


# Porch Talk

## July 2005



Port Norfolk Civic League

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### Happy 4th of July to Port Norfolk!

#### No League Meeting This Month

Our Civic League always takes the month of July off. This in mind, there will be no league meeting this month. Instead, we'll gather for our annual picnic in the park. (see separate item on the picnic). In August, Debbie Foytik, Park Chairman will give a presentation on all of the efforts to restore Fountain Park and will unveil plans for the revitalization of the waterfront along Bayview Avenue once construction on the Pinners Point Connector is completed. More information in the August newsletter, but you definitely won't want to miss this presentation!

#### Waterfront Cleanup

The Park Committee will be organizing a clean up day for the Bayview waterfront on Saturday, July 9th beginning at 9am. With all of the construction over the past three years on the new bridge, the water's edge has really suffered. We'll be out cleaning the beach up of trash and debris, making it nice for all of the neighborhood to enjoy. Please, if you can spare some time to come out and help, please consider it. Just come down to the waterfront and offer any help you can at 9am. We're also planning on providing lunch and drinks for all of the volunteers. This is a great chance to get out and do something that can really benefit Port Norfolk. Lets make our neighborhood look fantastic from up on the bridge! If you have any questions, contact Debbie Foytik at 397-7164. Thank you in advance!

#### Recycling Reminder

Remember, curbside pick up of recycled items is again available within Port Norfolk. For a small fee, SPSA will deliver a container, much like the trash cans provided by the city and will pick them up curbside every other Friday. This is also a great opportunity to share a container and the cost with a neighbor if you don't have enough items yourself. Just visit the neighborhood website for more information: [www.portnorfolk.org](http://www.portnorfolk.org)



#### July Birthdays

A very happy birthday wish to all of our neighbors who are celebrating their special day during the month of July....Ralph Batten, Chuck Beeler, Guy Buck, Martha Crecy, Mary Curro, Connie Dalhaus, Alton Harris, Carol Kirk, Charles Rhodes, Clint Varner, Franklin Williams, Patsy Woodland, and Blair Young. Birthday months are obtained from the membership list, however if you have a special someone you wish to include, please send me an email (Chuck Beeler) to [publicity@portnorfolk.org](mailto:publicity@portnorfolk.org) so I can include it!

#### Picnic in the Park!

On July 10th, the Civic League will sponsor and host a picnic in Fountain Park for the entire neighborhood. The event will include hot dogs, hamburgers, and drinks provided by the League. Everyone is asked to bring their favorite side items to share. We'll have games and activities planned and it's sure to be a wonderful afternoon of fun with your neighbors. This will also be a great opportunity to see the wonderful renovations that have taken place at the park if you haven't already done so. Please plan to attend. The picnic will be from 4-7pm. We hope to see everyone there!

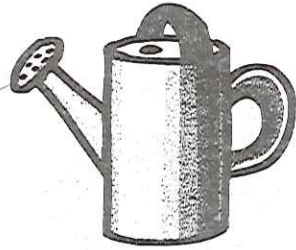
#### WARNING!

#### Neighborhood Watch in Effect!

Join us 398-8151 or [Steve@thedalhaus.org](mailto:Steve@thedalhaus.org)

#### Membership Reminder....

Are you still reminding yourself to send in your membership form and dues for this year? Here's another reminder for you. Remember, in order for our Civic League to have influence and clout with other organizations and with the city, we need your support. Lets show how much we are behind our neighborhood by having a strong representation and large membership base. Your Civic League needs you!



### Port Norfolk's Yard of the Month

This month's award for yard of the month goes to 500 Mt Vernon Avenue. Congratulations and thank

you for your hard work. You really help to make Port Norfolk shine!

### CAR Meeting Deadlines

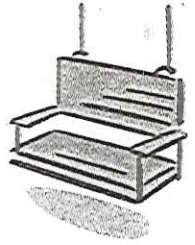
The July CAR (Commission for Architectural Review) meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 2nd. The application date for the meeting is one week prior on July 26th. With all of our new neighbors, it's worth mentioning that CAR must approve any exterior work to your home, including structural work, fences, etc. Port Norfolk is a historic district and CAR works with homeowners to offer guidance and resources to assist with your work while retaining the architectural integrity of our neighborhood. Some work or changes may even qualify for administrative approval via phone by contacting Jocelyn Adumauh at 393-8836 ext. 4203. She can assist you with questions and letting you know whether the work you're planning requires committee review or not. It's definitely worth the call to ensure that your project goes smoothly and fits within the guidelines and codes adopted by the city.

### Vacation Bible School

Broad Street United Methodist Church is offering Vacation Bible School at the Circle G Ranch. Children in grades K-6 are invited to join July 24th - 28th 6:30-8:30pm. A cookout on the church lawn will kick off VBS at 6pm on the 24th. Plan to be one of the Ranch House Kids and meet at the corral. The fun will include Bible stories, games, snacks, and crafts. For more information and a registration form, contact the church at 397-6314.

### Welcome Summertime!!

### Porch Chatter



A very special Thank You to Shannon Chance who's term on the Commission of Architectural Review expired recently. Shannon's tireless efforts to protect and preserve Port Norfolk's character and historical charm are so much appreciated. Tyson Miller will be replacing Shannon as a Port Norfolk representative on the commission. We wish him the best of luck with his new assignment!

The Port Norfolk Holiday Homes Tour will be held Sat, December 5th. Its not too early to make plans. If you would like to have your home on tour or volunteer as a host or hostess, please contact Tammy Lifsey at 399-2383.

Please remember that it is against city code to park your vehicle in your yard and to park commercial vehicles in the neighborhood overnight.

Please as you travel the neighborhood, be aware of your speed! The police have been monitoring the traffic lately and intend to beef up speed enforcement. We don't want our own neighbors being reminded the hard way that the speed limit is 25mph on all of our streets.

Did you know that old cell phones can be donated to a worthy cause? The phones are refurbished and donated to victims of domestic abuse. This puts help at their fingertips when and if they need it. Phones can be dropped off at the Allstate insurance office on London Blvd. This is a tremendous cause and is also a valid tax deduction. Please consider doing this with your old unused phones.

### New Neighborhood NEAT Officer

Port Norfolk's new neighborhood NEAT Officer is Rodney Hanks. PLEASE if you observe anything suspicious going on within the neighborhood, do not hesitate to contact him. His cell phone number is 235-5662. If you're unable to reach him, call 911! We have to be vigilant about facing crime and doing what we can to force it from our neighborhood.

#### 2005 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.