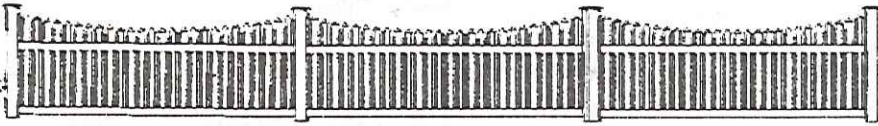


Porch Talk

August 2005



Port Norfolk Civic League

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August League Meeting

This month's Civic League meeting will take place on Thursday, August 4th at 7pm. We will feature a wonderful presentation by Debbie Foytik, Park Chairperson. Debbie will talk about all of the efforts undertaken in Fountain Park as well as share the park committee's plans for revitalizing the waterfront along Bayview Avenue. You won't want to miss this. Plan now to come out and meet your neighbors and enjoy the presentation. League meetings are held the first Thursday of the month at the Port Norfolk Recreation Center, 432 Broad Street.

Art in the Park

It's hard to imagine the cool of days of fall during the recent heat wave but it will be here before we know it. What better way to enjoy a crisp fall day than to spend time in our own beautiful Fountain Park. With that idea in mind, we will be hosting Art In The Park on Saturday, October 8, 2005 from 10 am - 4 pm. We are looking for artists and craftsmen who want to showcase their art and handiwork in Port Norfolk's first annual Arts and Crafts Fair. This is a great opportunity for us to support local artists and show the area how great our neighborhood is. If you or someone you know is an artist and is interested in participating in the fair, please contact Judy Higgins at 399-4122 or Jennifer Miller at 397-7671 for more information. The cost of a space is \$25.

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!

August Birthdays



A very happy birthday wish to all of our neighbors who are celebrating their special day during the month of August..Janet Atzert, Jon Berry, Sylvia Bray, Ryall Dobrota, Eric Duskin, David Elkins, Jacob Foytik, Madalyn Grimes, Karen Hunter, Elizabeth Janik, Tyson Miller, Bob, Pulchinsky, Eddie Schuchhardt, Mary Taylor, and Melanie Tyree. 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 so I can include it!

Successful Clean Up

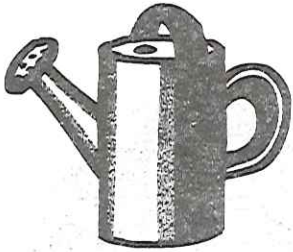
Many thanks to everyone who braved the sun and heat to come out and help on July 9th to clean the waterfront area along Bayview Blvd. What a tremendous job you did. The sway car was full by the end of the day and the shoreline literally sparkled. The time and effort volunteered is truly appreciated and you should be proud of how nice the area looked. Thank you especially to Debbie Foytik for coordinating the effort. We'd also like to thank Chanello's Pizza of High Street for donating lunch and Chuck Beeler and Matt Glaubke for donating the drinks.

A Fun Picnic!

Many thanks to everyone who came out for the annual picnic in the park on Sunday, July 10th. There was lots of great food, fun, and a great atmosphere to get to see friends and meet new ones. Bob Pulchinsky, Recreation Chairman did a wonderful job coordinating the event and securing the food donations. Bob, thank you for your efforts and ensuring that the entire neighborhood had a great time spending the afternoon together!

Porch Talk Deadline

If you have a submission for Porch Talk, please send it to publicity@portnorfolk.org by the 20th of each month for inclusion in the following month.



Port Norfolk's Yard of the Month

This month's award for yard of the month goes to 154 Florida Avenue. Congratulations and thank

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

Home is Where the Heart Is

When Carol Taylor and her daughter Artia moved from their large home in Suffolk, with their spacious gardens, they found mostly barren, miniscule yard space in which to indulge their love of gardening. They brought many of their flowers from their previous home and planted them in pots of all sizes and shapes. Added were ceramics, flags, and statues. Then two years ago Ginger and Albert Ferguson sold their home and moved into the apartment next door to the Taylors. There are only five units in the small complex located in the 400 block of Douglas Ave. Ginger loves gardening as well and began her own "pot" garden. She and Carol added vegetables such as tomatoes, peppers, and cucumbers. Their flowers are too numerous to mention. Another neighbor moved in, and he added brick and rock walkways and a gazebo. The apartments do not resemble the same place as before the arrival of the present group of residents. Carol, Ginger, and Artia all say that they have enjoyed one of their favorite hobbies, as well as create a pleasant atmosphere in which to live. They encourage others in Port Norfolk to consider pot gardening if their space is limited. They invite you to take a look at what they have done and they hope you will enjoy your garden as much as they have. It's worth mentioning that July's yard of the month was also achieved by residents who are renting their little space of Port Norfolk. It just goes to show that no matter where you are, with a little effort you can make a house into home. We'd love to see and hear more about other successes like this! If you have one to share, please email publicity@portnorfolk.org and let us know!

Porch Chatter

Our condolences to the families of Anna Morlino and June Davis. Our thoughts and prayers are with both families during this difficult time.



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.

The Pinners Point Connector is slated to open fully this month. This should complete the shift of traffic from Port Norfolk onto all of the new ramps.

We need help delivering Porch Talk once per month to your neighbors. If you can volunteer, please contact Joanne Ramsay at 391-0340.

CAR Meeting Deadlines

The next CAR (Commission for Architectural Review) meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 6th. The application date for the meeting is one week prior on August 30th. 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.

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