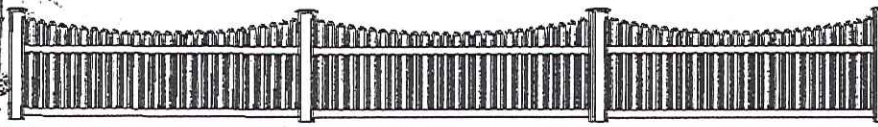
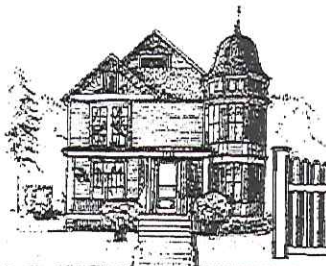


Porch Talk

December 2005



Port Norfolk Civic League

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The Port Norfolk Civic League wishes the Happiest and Safest of Holidays to all of our neighbors and their families!

December League Meeting

Our December meeting will be our annual pot luck holiday get together on December 1st at 7pm. Just bring your favorite dish to share and come spend time with your neighbors before the hectic holiday rush takes over. The League will provide desert and beverages. During the meal, committee chairs will give an annual report of their committee's activities and any plans for the upcoming year. League meetings are held the first Thursday of each month at the Port Norfolk Recreation Center at 432 Broad Street. Come out and share some holiday spirit as we welcome this festive time of the year!

Birthdays

Wishing a very happy belated birthday to those who celebrated their special day in November... Ryan Brunsvold, Christine Caldwell, Kenneth Caldwell, David Chance, Joe Dobrota, Judy Higgins, Pat Hudson, Nancy Ivy, Tammy Lifsey, Cheryl Powell, Suzy Redd, Bonnie Skillman, Michael Taylor, and Jana Young. And in December, Happy Birthday to... Steve Austin, Walt Bell, Buddy Deeds, Judy Harrell, Ben Hoofnagle, Louann Jones, Yvonne Lerner, Terry Schmidt, Bill Tinsley, Jim Woodland, Felicia Sawyer, Yvonne Desiano, Gustavo Vergara, and Vicki Stevens.



2005 Holiday Tour of Homes in Historic Port Norfolk Sunday, December 4th 3pm - 7pm

You are cordially invited to the most spectacular event in Port Norfolk. You can tour the inside of beautiful historic homes right in your own neighborhood. Come see these finely decorated homes, a sample of the neighborhoods historic architecture, interiors and collections. Get in the holiday mood as the tour features music, and carriage rides. Get ideas in seasonal decorating, interior arrangements and see examples of thoughtful renovations. Tickets, will be sold the day of the tour beginning at 2pm - \$12 per adult and half price for children 2-12.

This event is sponsored by the Port Norfolk Civic League. If you'd like more information, please contact Tammy Lifsey at 399-2383.



Yard of the Month

Our yard of the month sign remains missing in action. If you would like to volunteer paint a new sign, please contact John Lifsey at

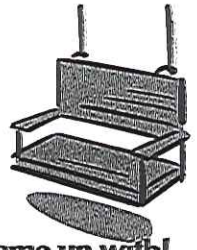
399-2383. We are also in search of someone to coordinate the Yard of the Month award each month. This individual would scout the neighborhood for potential Yard of the Month winners and award a yard each month. A digital camera is required to take photos of the winning yard for the website.

A Note from Our League President

2005 has been a great year for Port Norfolk. We continue to be a leader in Portsmouth. The Pinners Point Connector opened, removing most of the traffic from the neighborhood. We are now overwhelmed by quiet. We also now have a full time NEAT Officer, Chris Gilmore, and a full time Environmental Inspector, Russell Dawley. There are signs of home renovations throughout the neighborhood. Home owners continue to take pride in their homes, improving the appearance of Port Norfolk. Port Norfolk also hosted the first Renovate Portsmouth home show. Its success in encouraging the proper renovation of historic homes has lead to it becoming an annual event. The 2004 Christmas Homes Tour was one of our most successful tours to date. These tours showcase our homes and our neighborhood. We purchased and installed a new fountain and benches in Fountain Park. The park continues to see increased usage and is a model for the city. Our waterfront is being utilized since traffic has disappeared as well. From walking to biking, from fishing to kayaking, Bayview Blvd has become a source of recreation for the entire neighborhood. Port Norfolk has become a neighborhood of choice, not only for Portsmouth, but for the entire region. This is due to the hard work and diligence of our residents. I am proud to be a resident of Port Norfolk and to lead the Port Norfolk Civic League. I ask that our residents continue to volunteer, improve our neighborhood, and continue to make Port Norfolk part of what makes Portsmouth great. Thank you - John Lifsey.

Porch Chatter

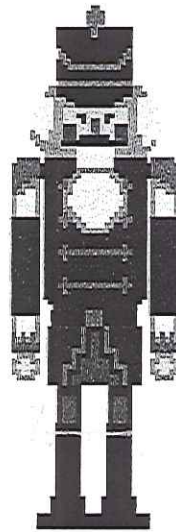
Congratulations to all of our winners during the recent pumpkin carving contest. Our judges had a great time roaming the neighborhood and seeing all of the creative designs you came up with!



Thank you very much to Glenn & Nick of Portsmouth Metal Stamping for your park donation!

Recreation Chariperson Needed - Want to have a great time planning special events in the neighborhood like the summer picnic, pumpkin carving contest, and the holiday decorating contest? We need an individual to chair this fun committee for 2006. If you can help and want to have a great time doing it, please contact John Lifsey at 399-2383.

Christmas Decorating Contest



The annual Port Norfolk Christmas Decorating Contest will take place on Saturday, December 3rd. The judging will begin at 6:30pm. Judges will be non Port Norfolk residents and winners will have a sign placed in their yard. Our contest is a little early this year to coincide with the Homes Tour, but there's still time to come up

with your creative ideas and make Port Norfolk beautiful for this holiday season!

Winter Wonderland Returns

Don't forget - many of the wonderful displays from the Winter Wonderland collection that so many of us enjoyed going to see each year at Coleman Nursery are now on display at the Courthouse Art Galleries downtown. The hours are Tuesday through Saturday, 10am - 8pm and on Sundays from from 12pm - 8pm. During this time there is a special adult admission charge of only \$2.00. Many of the displays have been restored and once again, these magical animations are making the season brighter for everyone who grew up going to see them every year!

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.