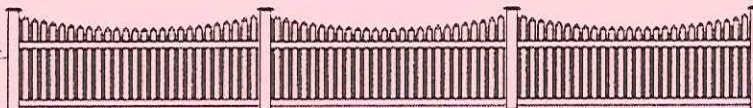




# Porch Talk

## February 2006



Port Norfolk Civic League, P.O. Box 7114, Portsmouth, VA 23707

Check out our neighborhood website at [www.portnorfolk.org](http://www.portnorfolk.org)

### League Meetings

- February 2, 2006 at 7:00 PM
- March 2, 2006 at 7:00 PM

### CAR Deadlines

March:

- App Due: 2/28/06
- Meeting: 3/7/06

April:

- App Due: 3/28/06
- Meeting: 4/4/06

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## February League Meeting



How refreshing it was to see so many new faces at the January Civic League meeting. It's exciting to see neighbors coming together to invest in making our neighborhood a better place to live.

Mark your calendars for this month's League meeting on **Thursday, February 2 at 7:00 PM**. Monthly meetings are held in the Port Norfolk Recreation Center at 432 Broad Street.

If you've never attended a Civic League meeting, you may be pleasantly surprised by all you can learn and this month we'll be offering refreshments. Take some time to come meet your neighbors.

### Membership Renewal

January is traditionally membership month, but here in Port Norfolk, every month is membership month. For only \$5, you too, can be a card-carrying member of the Port Norfolk Civic League and vote on important issues facing the neighborhood. Membership dues primarily fund League events and provide for the printing of Porch Talk. Membership forms are located on the back of Porch Talk.

### Get in the Loop

Have a question about gardening or a tricky do-it-yourself project? Why not ask your neighbors right here in Port Norfolk? 2005 saw a great number of neighbors communicating on topics from missing pets to finding walking partners, from new neighbor introductions to help with weekend projects. If you have a computer and would like to communicate with your neighbors sign up for the Port Norfolk Neighborhood E-news on our neighborhood website at [www.portnorfolk.org](http://www.portnorfolk.org). Just enter your email address and you'll be included on the distribution list.

### Thank You

A big thanks to Chuck Beeler, who faithfully published Porch Talk every month for two years. His work set a high standard for our neighborhood newsletter and we all want him to know that we appreciate his hard work and effort. Thanks Chuck!

## Community Activities

### Calling All Scrappers

Get out your scissors and stickers, Broad Street United Methodist church is hosting a **Scrapbooking Fellowship**. Classes will be held the second Saturday of each month, beginning on February 11 from 4-6 PM. Bring your own materials and come ready to share ideas and enjoy fellowship. Refreshments will be provided and Susan Jean will lead the class. For more information call 397-6314.

### Dancing with the Stars

Well, it may not be Dancing with the Stars but Port Norfolk Recreation Center is hosting dance classes for all age groups. Classes will be offered by Gail Hart and held on Tuesdays from 4-5 PM. Classes began on January 24th but there is still time to register and participate. Each class costs \$10 plus a one-time registration fee of \$20. For more information contact the Port Norfolk Recreation Center at 393-8709.

### Citizen's Meeting

Portsmouth Dog Owners Group Unleashed (PDOGU) is meeting Wednesday, February 1 at 6 PM at the office of Dr. Jane Casey DVM located at 2607 Airline Blvd. Topics for discussion include Successful Donations, Fundraising Events Planning and Publicity for the Port Norfolk Dog Park. Volunteers needed and everyone is welcome. Contact Vickie Tabor, Secretary PDOGU, at 615-2203 or [vrtabor@aol.com](mailto:VRTabor@aol.com).



## 2006 Port Norfolk Civic League Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Birthday Month(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Park Donation: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail or take this form to Madalyn Grimes @ 108 Florida Ave.

## Park News

Many thanks are due to the supportive people within our community. First, thank you to Betsy Caldwell and Terry Riddle for their generous donations to Reflection Walk. Also, thank you to David Rook for his tireless efforts in keeping our waterfront clean. Your neighbors appreciate your contributions to Port Norfolk.



## Reflection Walk

Reflection Walk is developing quickly. If you haven't had a chance yet, take a stroll along the water and see all that has been done. You will notice a large circular section where a seating area is planned. Six of the eight benches for this section have already been sponsored so there are only **two more benches available**. If you are interested in sponsoring a bench for Reflection Walk, contact Debbie Foytik at 397-7164 to take advantage of this great opportunity.

For more information on sponsoring a bench or purchasing a brick for the walkway, go to our website at [www.portnorfolk.org](http://www.portnorfolk.org).

## Porch Chatter

Wishing everyone who celebrates a birthday in February the most special of days...Jack Bray, Shannon Chance, Sally Chamock, Daniel Funkhouser, Andrew Gordus, Linwood Grimes, Grace Hood, Shelley Lamm, Kelly Matteson, Pat Patrick, David Ponton, Joanne Ramsey, Mike, Revell, Charlie Schmidt, Dave Taylor, Peggy Williams. Birthdays are obtained from the League membership list. If you have someone who's special day you'd like to recognize, email [publicity@portnorfolk.com](mailto:publicity@portnorfolk.com).



**Police Information**— Our current Neat Officer is Coretta Williamson. She can be contacted at 235-5651. The police have recovered a lot of stolen goods since the recent arrest in Port Norfolk. If you can identify your property, call Detective McDonald at 393-8536.

Congratulations to Peter Foytik of Broad Street. He graduated from Christopher Newport University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Computer Science in December. He is now employed as a Project Scientist at the Virginia Modeling, Analysis and Simulation Center in Suffolk, VA.

Congratulations also to Jacob Foytik of Broad Street. He made the Dean's List at Old Dominion University as a junior working towards a Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineering.

As a reminder, leaves need to be bagged in clear bags and placed in the alleys where the trash trucks are more than happy to pick them up. Please do not leave bagged leaves on the curb.

**FOUND** - White cat at rear of 436 Maryland Ave. on 12/23/05. Friendly, declawed. Please call Duane at 398-0703.

Our condolences go out to the family of Michael A. Porter of the 200 block of Maryland Ave. Our prayers are with you during this time of loss.

## Commission for Architectural Review (CAR)

The March CAR meeting will be held on **Tuesday, March 7**. The application deadline is Tuesday, February 28. As a reminder, Port Norfolk is an historic district and CAR, which is a city-appointed committee, works with homeowners to offer guidance and resources to assist with and approve exterior home renovations and improvements while retaining the architectural integrity of our neighborhood.

Even though these requirements sometimes seem burdensome, because we reside in a designated historic district, if the guidelines, set by the city of Portsmouth, are not adhered to we will lose our historic designation. This designation is one of the factors that makes our neighborhood unique and our homes valuable. Some work or changes may even qualify for administrative approval over the phone by contacting Jocelyn Admullah at 393-8836 x4203. She can assist you with questions and let you know if the work you are planning requires CAR approval.

