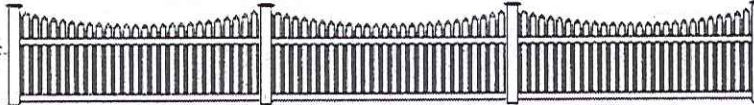


# Porch Talk

## April 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

- April 6, 2006 at 7:00 PM
- May 4, 2006 at 7:00 PM

### CAR Deadlines

May:

- App Due: 4/21/06
- Meeting: 5/2/06

June:

- App Due: 5/26/06
- Meeting: 6/6/06

### Board Contacts

President: John Lifsey  
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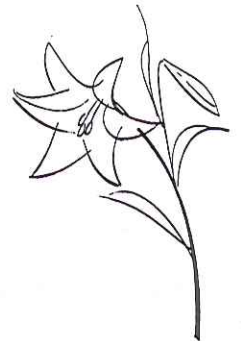
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## April League News

### City Council Candidate Forum

Mark your calendars for this month's League meeting on **Thursday, April 6 at 7:00 PM**. Monthly meetings are held in the Port Norfolk Recreation Center at 432 Broad Street.

As citizens of the City of Portsmouth, we CAN have a say in our City's government. The City Council and School Board elections will be held in May and it is crucial that we not only vote but also are capable of making informed decisions. Our April meeting will afford Port Norfolk residents the opportunity to meet as well as hear from four City Council candidates. This forum will be held in lieu of regular civic league business meeting. If you've never attended a Civic League meeting, please mark your calendars for this one—it's important to the future of our neighborhood and our entire city.



### Cash in the Attic

One man's trash is another man's treasure! This is your golden opportunity to clean out that dusty attic and that overstuffed closet and turn it into cash.



**Annual Port Norfolk Flea Market**  
Saturday, May 20: 8 AM — 2 PM  
Port Norfolk Baptist Church Parking Lot  
Rent a space: \$15 — Contact Judy Higgins at 399.4122

### Neighborhood Contacts:

Neat Officer: Chris Gilmore @ 235.5655

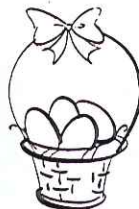
Environmental/Housing Inspector: Beth Whitely @ 393.8522 x4270 or 235.5470

## Community Activities

### Portsmouth Fire Department Auxiliary

**3rd Annual Fireman's Ball:** Saturday, April 22 at 7 PM at the Ambassador's Club. Tickets are \$50/couple for member and \$60/couple for non-members. Dress is semi-formal.

### Easter Egg Hunts



**Portsmouth Fire Department:** Saturday, April 8 at 2 PM at Station 4.

**Broad Street Methodist Church:** Saturday, April 15 at 11 AM

**Port Norfolk Baptist Church:** Saturday, April 15 at 1 PM

### Portsmouth City Dog Park Fundraising Events

The following events will be held at the Portsmouth/Chesapeake Elks Lodge #82 at 2541 Gum Road, Chesapeake in order to raise money for the Dog Park. Please contact Vickie Tabor at 403.6260 for questions, directions and additional information.

- Pampered Chef, Saturday, April 22 from 11 AM — 2 PM
- Taste of Home Entertainment, Saturday, April 29 from 11 AM — 3 PM



## 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

A very big Thank You to Dennis Bagley of General Services of the City of Portsmouth for donating the trash cans for Reflection Walk. This generous contribution will help to ensure that our beautiful waterfront park stays clean. Port Norfolk thanks you!



### Reflection Walk Dedication Ceremony

Be sure to mark your calendars for **June 3 at 10:30 AM** for the dedication ceremony of Reflection Walk. If you are interested in purchasing a brick to honor a loved one who has been touched by cancer, contact Debbie Foytik at 397.7164 or visit our website at [www.portnorfolk.org](http://www.portnorfolk.org). Bricks must be purchased by April 10 in order to be in place for the spring dedication ceremony.

## Porch Chatter

**Yard of the Month** — This month's award goes to 332 Florida Avenue. Thanks for working so hard to keep Port Norfolk looking so beautiful! Congratulations!

Wishing everyone who celebrates a birthday in April a very special day...Emile Bernard, Darlene Craig, Sallie DiVenuti, Kelly Freas, Luanne Jackson, John Lifsey, 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).




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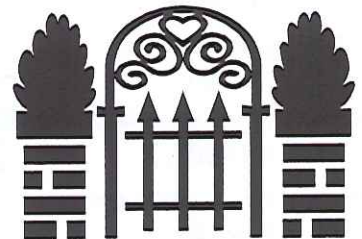
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## Commission for Architectural Review (CAR)

### Change in Application Deadline Dates

The May CAR meeting will be held on **Tuesday, May 2**. The application deadline is **Friday, April 21**. 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 Admulah at 393-8836 x4203. She can assist you with questions and let you know if the work you are planning requires CAR approval.



If you have a wooden fence facing the street (front or side), please paint it white. New CAR rules will require wooden fences to be white in keeping with historic homes.