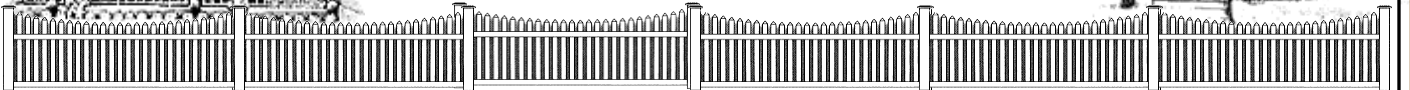




PORCH TALK

November 2009



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NOVEMBER LEAGUE NEWS



2009 Holiday Tour of Homes

The Holiday Tour of Homes will be held on Sunday, December 6, 2009, 3:00–7:00 pm. Advance tickets may be purchased for \$10.00 per person. This year, members of the armed forces and their families may purchase discounted tickets for \$5.00 per person, with military identification. Tickets will go on sale November 9, 2009. Tickets may be purchased at the Lofty Bean, Pizza Box, and Village Hair Design all located in Port Norfolk. Advanced tickets may also be purchased at Anderson-Wright and Kitchen Koop in Olde Towne Portsmouth. Tickets will be on sale for \$12.00 per person on the day of the tour, at 2:00 pm at the Port Norfolk Community Center, 432 Broad Street in Port Norfolk. The tour will be held rain or shine.

We are very excited about this year's tour because we have some beautiful homes and all of our community churches have agreed to open their doors during the tour. The Holiday Tour of Homes not only provides our neighborhood with funds that benefit historic preservation; it also provides an opportunity to showcase our unique community. For that reason, we want to invite all Port Norfolk residents to take part in this event! We need your help! Additional homes are needed for the tour, as well as volunteers to serve as host/hostess for homeowners on tour, to sell tickets, to donate and serve refreshments, to assist with Christmas decorations, and to provide musical entertainment. So please help, we need your homes and we need your talents. Contact Yvonne Lerner-DeSiano at 399-7526 and let her know you'd like to place your home on tour or volunteer your services. We cannot do this without your help. We welcome and appreciate your support!

Taking the tour is a fantastic way to begin the Holiday Season. So mark the date on your calendars and join us for the Holiday Tour of Homes! It's a wonderful way to support your neighborhood.

Port Norfolk's NEAT Officer is Portsmouth's Top Cop, Chris Gilmore. Please contact him if you see anything suspicious happening in the neighborhood. 757-235-5655

Civic League Meeting

The next Civic League meeting is scheduled for:

Thursday

November 5th

7:00 pm

Monthly meetings are held in the Port Norfolk Recreation Center at 432 Broad Street.

Ms. Patricia R. Knight - Partnership Specialist from the U.S. Census Bureau. Ms. Knight will be speaking on the importance of the 2010 census and partnering with Community groups to ensure a complete and accurate census is taken. Ms. Knight will also be looking for Volunteers within Port Norfolk to help out with various activities.

**Census Day
April 1, 2010**

For Board member email addresses, visit our website at www.portnorfolk.org

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COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Port Norfolk Baptist Church

Fall Festival

Spaghetti Dinner/Silent Auction Saturday, November 14, 2009

Festival is from 2:00 pm-4:30pm with activities for the whole family. The Spaghetti Dinner/Silent Auction is from 4:30-7:00pm. \$9.00 includes dinner, drinks & dessert. Browse the silent auction items and bid on your favorites. Silent Auction will conclude at 6:45. All proceeds go to Relay For Life, 630-1020.

Part-time Organist

Anyone interested should contact the church at
393-1041, Mon-Thu, 8:00 am-4:00pm
for more information.

Port Norfolk Civic League Annual Christmas Pot Luck Dinner

Thursday, December 3rd at 7:00 pm. Please bring a neighbor and a side or main dish to share. Drinks, paper products and desserts will be provided. We hope to see you there.

Port Norfolk Civic League By-Laws: Article VIII Elections and Voting

At the November meeting a Nominating Committee shall be named, consisting of five members, the President to appoint one, and the membership to elect three. The members of the committee will elect the Chairperson.

It shall be the duty of the Nominating Committee to recommend a slate of names for each elective office those names will be listed in the December Porch Talk. Nominating will also take place from the floor prior to the elections at the January meeting. The installation of officers shall take place at the February meeting.

Note: This process was to have taken place starting in September.



Special thanks to Judy Higgins and her committee for all the time and effort they exhausted preparing for the Flea Market, unfortunately it was cancelled do to the inclement weather. We plan to reschedule in the spring of 2010.

Special thanks to Boots Strange, Virginia Goyena and Margaret Gaudry for your park donations.

PORCH CHATTER

Birthdays

Wishing everyone who celebrates a birthday in September a fantastic day . . . Rosemary Green, Warren Green, Deborah Lass, Tammy Lifsey, & Jana Young.



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.

Yard of the Month!



120 Mt. Vernon
Your yard looks terrific!

Preservation Corner

A monthly guideline designed to help preserve the historic homes and buildings in the Port Norfolk Historic District.

SHEDS AND GARAGES

A streetcar line down Mt. Vernon Ave. originally provided service from Port Norfolk to downtown Portsmouth. "To provide access to sheds and other outbuildings, the neighborhood was designed with rear alleys." Today these sheds and outbuildings help define the historic character of the Port Norfolk neighborhood. **1)** do not tear down existing historic outbuildings; **2)** Do not place prefabricated outbuildings where they are visible from the street; **3)** Do not construct new outbuildings that are out of scale with the lot and house; **4)** design new outbuildings to be compatible with the style and character of the primary building on site, especially in scale, materials, and roof slope."

Reference: Port Norfolk Historic District Design Guidelines, Section III, paragraph C. A Certificate of Appropriateness is required from the HPC before conducting most exterior alterations.

Please contact the planning office prior to doing any work which is visible from a public right-of-way. This includes both the house and yard!

If you have historical or code guideline questions/concerns please call: (757) 393-8836.

Non compliance penalties include-corrective action and/or fines.

Authority:
Portsmouth Historic Preservation Commission (HPC)

2009 Port Norfolk Civic League Membership Form

Name: _____ Birthday Month(s): _____

Address: _____ Park Donation: _____

Phone: _____ Email Address: _____

Mail or take this form with \$5.00 for each membership to Gail Hoofangle at 2919 Adriatic.
Park donations should be mailed to Port Norfolk Civic League, P.O. Box 7114, Portsmouth VA 23707.