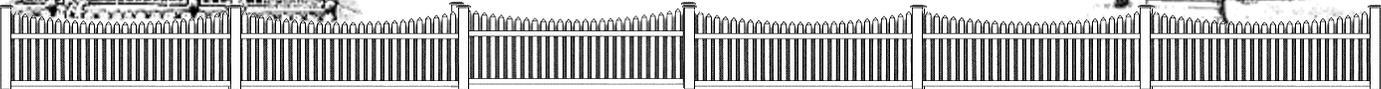




PORCH TALK

March 2010



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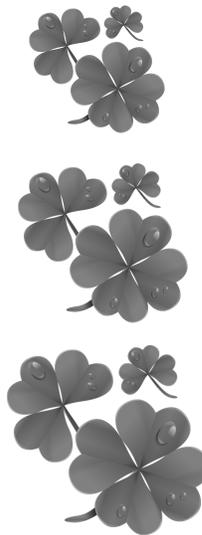
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MARCH LEAGUE NEWS



Time to Re-New Civic League Membership for 2010

Benefits of Joining:

- Your membership in the league empowers Port Norfolk to be a strong voice within the city regarding issues and events that impact our neighborhood.
- Guarantees your vote on issues that are brought before the neighborhood.
- Meet and greet your neighbors at the monthly meetings.

The membership dues assist with funding of League events and the printing of Porch Talk.

League dues are only \$5.00 per person for the year.

Please consider joining now!

Civic League Meeting

The next Civic League meeting is scheduled for:

**Thursday
March 4th
7:00 pm**

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

Our guest speaker is Angelia Allen, Director of Admissions and Marketing for PACE (Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly).

PACE provides adult day care, primary physician care, transportation, social work, physical, speech and occupational therapies, home care, medications and supplies for residents who are 55 years of age or older and who meet nursing home criteria and are able to reside in the community without jeopardizing their health and safety.



Fundraising Raffle

**50/50
Split**



\$1.00 per ticket

Support the Neighborhood's Service Project

Bring canned or non-perishable food items to the league meeting for donation to Portsmouth's hungry.

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

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

PORCH TALK-MARCH 2010

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Reflection Walk Needs You

If you are new to the neighborhood or really never knew. I would like to take this opportunity to tell you about our park at the waterfront. Affectionately named Reflections Walk, the park was created as a tribute to those who are either battling cancer or to honor those who have lost their lives to this dreaded disease.

The Good News

When the Pinnars Point Interchange (Port Norfolk Connector) was completed we were left with a strip of land between Bayview Blvd and the waterfront. Inspired by a cancer awareness park she had seen a year earlier, Debbie Foytik stepped up to head a committee to recreate that same concept here. Although the property is owned by the city, the park was designed, built and all monies raised were by the residents of Port Norfolk. Other than grass cutting contracted by the city, it is also maintained by us as well. Bricks and benches with the names of loved ones can be purchased and a dedication ceremony is held once a year to pay tribute to family and friends. Whether in remission or remembrance, all are invited to ring the bell as they experience the park.

The Bad News

Now for the bad news. In November we were hit with one of the worst Nor'easters we have seen in years. Waves crashed over the walkway, across Bayview and down the streets. Benches washed out, pots washed away, and Debbie watched as her husband Kirby stood waist deep in freezing water in an effort to save what was left of a dream. When it was all over the benches were saved and the pots retrieved but the flowerbeds were gone, debris was everywhere and large areas of the walkway were missing. The bricks under the gazebo were uprooted and because two of the lampposts had fallen into the water the lighting is currently not working.

What Can We Do?

If you care about the park or have ever ventured to the top of the walk to see the sunset, we need your help. This is your park. Residents of our neighborhood created and maintained it and we can pull together to bring it back and finish it. Here are some ways you may be able to get involved.

- First and foremost funding is needed to replace and repair damages from the storm. You can purchase a brick or a bench in honor of a loved one or make a cash donation to Reflection Walk through the Port Norfolk Civic League, P.O. Box 7114, Portsmouth VA 23707. Tax deductible donations can be made directly to the Portsmouth Community Foundation, ear marked for

Reflection Walk, 3600 Crawford St., Portsmouth, VA 23704.

- Cookbooks entitled *Uniquely Portsmouth* can be purchased through the Civic League and make great gifts.
- While visiting the park you can help by picking up litter and watching for and reporting vandalism. Two \$150.00 urns and six decorative trash cans have been stolen. Also the brochure box has been destroyed twice.
- We are looking for a watering committee to help with watering the beds and pots.
- We are also looking for Master Gardeners or Landscape Architects to help create a long range landscape design of the park.
- Fundraising events are in the planning so watch for details coming soon.
- Clean up days are scheduled in the *Porch Talk* and volunteers are much appreciated.
- And lastly, a reminder to please not park vehicles on the grass or on the walkway, as they were not built to support the weight.

Phase II and III which include inspirational markers down the pathway and a circular Labyrinth at the end of Chautauqua are still to come.

Will you join us in making our beautiful and meaningful park the best it can be? Remember although the city owns the land and cuts the grass, the rest is up to us!!!

*Article submitted by:
Judy Higgins, Corresponding Secretary/Welcome*

**For more information about
Port Norfolk's parks, please contact
Debbie Foytik at 397-7164.**

Birthdays



Wishing everyone who celebrates a birthday in March a great day . . . Harry Dehart, Maria Wolf, and Stan Wright. 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.

Now Available

Port Norfolk window stickers—\$5.00 each, available for sale at the monthly Civic League meetings, or contact Gail Hoofnagle for more information. She can be reached at 397-2730.



2010 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 Hoofnagle at 2919 Adriatic.
Park donations should be mailed to Port Norfolk Civic League, P.O. Box 7114, Portsmouth VA 23707.