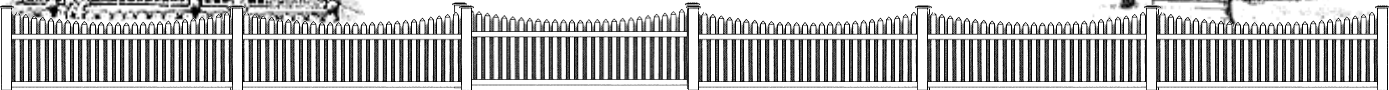




PORCH TALK



December 2010



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Civic League Meeting

The next Civic League meeting is scheduled for:

Thursday December 2, 2010 7:00 pm

Our Annual Holiday Dinner Potluck

Bring a Dish to Share

Good Neighbors—Good Food—Good Times

Port Norfolk Recreation Center at 432 Broad Street

Holiday Tour of Homes Cancelled

Unfortunately the Holiday Tour of Homes has been cancelled. There were only two homes scheduled for the tour and the Homes Tour committee made the decision to cancel this year's tour.

Curbside Recycling

Curbside recycling is available in Port Norfolk. Call TFC Recycling at 543-5766. The cost is \$17.75 per month. Pick up is twice per month.

Neighborhood Quality

For questions about Neighborhood Quality, contact Ricky Sample, Jr. at 393-8522.

Restorations

If you are making exterior changes to your home, you must get approval from the Historic Preservation Committee. To apply for a permit or to ask questions, contact Jocelyn Adumuah at 393-8836 ext. 4203.

Caution

The dirt in the former Port Norfolk Elementary School site may have high levels of contaminants in it! Do not let your kids or dogs play in it! Call 393-8008 (Citizen Concern Line) if there is not fencing around the dirt by the time you read this (or even if there is because additional tests should have been taken before that dirt was dug up).

Renters

If you rent, please purchase Renters Insurance. Your personal possessions are not covered by your landlord's insurance. For \$350.00 per year, you can purchase \$50,000 of insurance. You'd be so surprised how much your personal possessions are worth!

Front Yards

Vehicles, motorcycles, and trailers can not be parked on your front lawn, or sidewalk. They must be parked on the street or in your driveway.

Play Date at Fountain Park

Thanks to those of you who went to a play date or inquired about them. We'll put them on hold until Spring because of December busy-ness, the holidays, and colder weather. 'Til Spring, have great holidays! Questions? Call Sarah Wilson, 392-0312.

IN AN EMERGENCY— PLEASE CALL 911.

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

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Santa's Christmas Shop Broad Street Methodist Church 300 Broad Street

The Sprouts (6-12 year olds) will host Santa's Christmas Shop in room 205 on Sunday, December 5th, 12th, and 19th from 12:00 noon to 1:00 pm, and Saturday December 4th from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm. Children are encouraged to shop for their families.

New and slightly used items will be offered for sale. Prices range from 25 cents to \$5.00. Gift wrap is free.

For more information or if you have items to donate, please call Trish Berghorn at 583-5700. This ministry helps our community. All proceeds will go to Heifer International.

Portsmouth Walks—In Port Norfolk!

Keisha Cutler of CINCH (Consortium for Infant and Child Health), which is a part of the Healthy Portsmouth Initiative (a joint effort that includes CINCH, Brannon Godfrey of the City of Portsmouth, the Superintendent of Schools, YMCA, WHRO, PHRA) spoke at the November league meeting. Healthy Portsmouth has started a new project called Portsmouth Walks, which is funded by a Virginia Foundation for Healthy Youth grant of about \$60,000, to curb childhood obesity. Port Norfolk was selected as the neighborhood that the grant money would be applied to. One or two network of routes identified with community input will be set up. Signs will be posted and crosswalks painted; ideally there will be a destination for the route(s), perhaps a Chesapeake Bay watershed encounter. There will be community-wide meetings to hear input from the community, the first of which will be February 20. There will be a website for the project. There was an article in the October 24 *Currents*.

Article submitted by: Sarah Barrash Wilson

Porch Lights Safety Tips

Leaving porch lights on at night makes for a safer environment.

Do not leave valuables in your car and lock your windows if you are not home.

Do not leave your car running without you in it at your house or at the 7-11.

Do not leave your purse or keys or other valuables near your door or by windows.

Article submitted by: Sarah Barrash Wilson

The Old PNES Site/Detroit Park Update

As *Porch Talk* goes to press, the City Council agenda for November 23 includes the vote on whether or not to transfer the site to the Economic Development Authority, which would pursue the development of homes on that site. To find out the outcome of the vote, please visit

SaveDetroitPark.blogspot.com or view the Council meeting (or the Council agenda, which will include the outcome of the vote) at portsmouthva.gov. Thank you for your support.

Article submitted by: Sarah Barrash Wilson

Civic League Position Available

The position of "Recreation, Publicity/*Porch Talk* Editor/Publisher" is open. If you are interested in preparing the monthly newsletter and/or to find out more about this position, please contact Dorothy Parker at 399-1498.

Special December Activities

Port Norfolk Baptist Church invites the Port Norfolk Community to:

- Dec 5th-"Trimming the Tree" in the Fellowship Hall at 7pm
- Dec 19th - Christmas Cantata presented by the Sanctuary Choir - 11am
- Dec 24th-Candlelight Service on Christmas Eve - 5:00 PM
- December 31st-Watchnight Service for the New Year -5pm

Of course we welcome our Port Norfolk Neighbors to join us for our regularly scheduled activities all year.

If you have any questions please contact Alice Moscoffian, Secretary, Port Norfolk Baptist Church at 393-1041

Classified Advertisement

Housecleaning—Port Norfolk resident for six years. Has an opening due to client moving. Weekly, Bi-Weekly, Monthly or One Time. I am hard working, honest, dependable, friendly, organized & I pay attention to details. I have over 15 yrs experience & do this full time. I can provide plenty of references. Very reasonable. Please call Donna at 535-9813.



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