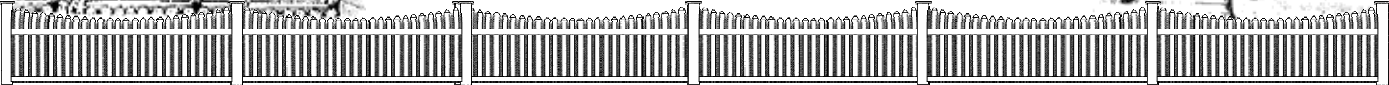




PORCH TALK



March 2011



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Civic League Meeting

Port Norfolk Recreation Center at 432 Broad Street

Thursday March 3, 2011 7:00 pm

This meeting is all about neighbors! Please come and express your ideas for the 2011 agenda, about what you'd like to see in our neighborhood, and what we can all do to make Port Norfolk an even better place to live!



Portsmouth Walks



On Thursday March 24 at 6:30pm, *Portsmouth Walks* will hold the second of two Community Meetings in the Port Norfolk Recreation Center at 432 Broad Street. Anyone who didn't make it to the February meeting, and even those who did, are welcome! Residents are encouraged to attend the community-wide meetings to provide their input, identify potential walking routes, discuss safety concerns and ways to address these with the community police.

Civic League Positions Available

There are still several open positions on the Civic League available: *Corresponding Secretary and Environmental*

We encourage you to become a leader in your neighborhood and help shape the future for tomorrow's Port Norfolk! If you are interested in any of these positions, please contact Dorothy Parker at 399-1498.

Exterior Modifications

Port Norfolk is a historic district, which means you must obtain permission from the City for any exterior modifications, including change paint colors. Contact the Planning Manager, Jocelyn Adumuah at 393-8836 ext 4203, if you plan to make any changes or modifications.

Website Redesign

Port Norfolk's website has been completely redesigned! Check it out: PortNorfolk.org

Upcoming Events

(Participation isn't limited to League members!)
If you have any questions about the events listed below, or would like to suggest a social or fundraising event, please contact Amy O'Donnell, our Board Member in charge of Ways and Means: (757) 739-6433

Port Norfolk Porch Party: April 16th, 4:30pm
How does it work? Just sign up and show up at the check-in station. \$10.00 gets you a wrist band, raffle ticket and map. Follow your map through the neighborhood going from house to house, enjoying food and beverages provided by our porch hosts! Meet your neighbors and enjoy a spring day in beautiful Port Norfolk! If you would like to be a Porch Host, please call Erika Nestler (262-8430)

PoNo Road Show! May 21st 7:30am - 12:30pm
Where? 432 Broad Street in Historic Port Norfolk!
Ever wondered what that old brass pitcher you got from Grandma Maude is really worth? Come on down to the PoNo Road Show and find out! For a \$5.00 (per item) donation a certified appraiser will tell you if your loot is trash or treasure! This family friendly event will feature arts and crafts vendors, as well as flea market booths.

Port Norfolk Mulch Drive: Check our website for updates!

IN AN EMERGENCY— PLEASE CALL 911.

Port Norfolk's new NEAT Officer is Kelly Funkhouser. Please contact her if you see anything suspicious happening in the neighborhood: (757) 235-5665

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

2011 Port Norfolk Civic League Membership Form

Name: _____ Birthday Month(s): _____

Address: _____ Park Donation: _____

Phone: _____ Email Address: _____

Mail or drop 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.

Birthdays

Wishing everyone who celebrates a birthday in March a very happy day!



*Allison Baginski, Greg Blyden, Blanche Buck,
Harry DeHart and Ross Millard*

Birthdays are obtained from the League membership list. If you would like to recognize someone's special day, please email porchtalk@portnorfolk.com

Deepest Sympathy

Our condolences to the families of Port Norfolk residents Hazel S. Ward, William L. Johnson, and Clarence A. Williams. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Heartfelt Appreciation

We would like to thank the following people & organizations for their very generous donations to both the Civic League and Port Norfolk's neighborhood Parks fund:

- * Sydney at Stove The Restaurant
- * Pastor Connie Shoemaker & Port Norfolk Church Assembly
- * Peggy Silverthorne
- * Sarah & Eric Wilson
- * Paul McGrath

Farewell

Our friends at The Lofty Bean have put their shop up for sale, and will be closing at the end of February. We would like to thank them for being such a big part of our neighborhood, and hosting all of the game nights. We wish you well and will miss your hospitality!

Around the Park ...

Parents & Kids: Every Saturday at 3:00pm in Fountain Park, we will be meeting to have fun! Bring your bats and balls, croquet and horseshoes. Come make some new friends, and play with those you already know!

Congratulations!

Casey Lifsey is the recipient of the coveted Ace Parker Athletic Award of Excellence, given by the Portsmouth Sports Club. This prestigious award is given to the best all around male and female high school athletes. Congratulations on your great achievement, Casey!

Community Bible Study

Port Norfolk Church is hosting a ladies Sunday afternoon Bible study on March 6th at 4pm at 355 Mt. Vernon Ave. The first in this series is Beth Moore's "Ester: it's tough being a woman." Come join this casual community fellowship.

The Chicken or The Egg? How about both!

Sarah Wilson's house, 459 Douglas Avenue, is now a pick-up location for locally grown, natural and antibiotic free, pasture raised chicken products and fresh eggs. Please go here to order: www.rbefarm.com

Port Norfolk has gone high tech!

Use your smart phone scanner app to access all of our online features, such as our newly redesigned website, Facebook page & blog site!

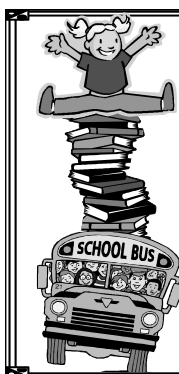
Porch Talk Classified Ads

Do you have something to sell, a service to offer, a room for rent, looking for help? Let us know and we can spread the word for you! For complete classified advertising information, please visit our website: www.portnorfolk.org

A business card ad costs only \$35.00 for one month!

A text classified ad—maximum 4 line ad—is only \$10.00!

**This offer is available to private party individuals who are residents of Port Norfolk and does not apply to businesses.*



Road to Success!
Lynda Rafferty
Elementary School TUTOR
32 years Teaching w/VBCPS

214 Mt. Vernon Avenue
757-673-0651

* References Available *

Port Norfolk Elementary School:

Portsmouth's Economic Development Authority (EDA) is reviewing a draft Sales and Development Agreement between the City and the developer who proposes to build 23 homes on the former school site.

The earliest the EDA could finalize the agreement is mid-March. If the EDA finalizes the agreement, it will need to go to City Council, who will vote whether to sell the property or not.

Some of the reasons the PNES ad hoc committee feels there should not be residential homes built at this site:

- * This is a repetitive loss floodplain and future homeowners will suffer losses
- * independent testing shows high levels of contaminants in the soil
- * The existing housing problem needs to be fixed before adding more
- * Portsmouth should not give up its green space

Contact City Council and let them know you oppose this sale. For more details, visit www.SaveDetroitPark.blogspot.com



Look for Port Norfolk Online!

Website: www.PortNofolk.org

On Facebook: Port-Norfolk

On Blogger:
SaveDetroitPark.blogspot.com

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