



# PORCH TALK



## April 2011



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### Civic League Meeting

Port Norfolk Recreation Center at 432 Broad Street

**Thursday April 7, 2011 7:00 pm**

Joyce Seargeant, with the Portsmouth Police Neighborhood Watch Program and John Higgins with the Citizen Emergency Response Team (CERT) will speak about establishing a program in our neighborhood. Rodney Grainger, Director of the Port Norfolk Rec. Center, will speak for a few minutes about ongoing programs at the Rec center.

*(Babysitters are available at meetings; please feel free to bring your children with you!)*

### Upcoming Civic League Events

Participation isn't limited to League members ... Please join us!

#### **Progressive Porch Party: April 16<sup>th</sup>, 4:30pm**

How does it work? Grab your friends and family, then sign up and show up at the check-in station, located at 413 Douglas Ave. \$10.00 gets you a wrist band, raffle ticket and map.

Follow your map through the neighborhood at the time noted on the map, 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 participate, or need more information, please call Erika Nestler (262-8430) RSVPs are helpful but not required. Visit our website for more information!

#### **Port Norfolk Spring Sprung Flower Sale!**

**Sunday May 1st, 1-4pm and Saturday May 7th, 8-12pm at Fountain Park.** View plant varieties and preorder at [PortNorfolk.org/flowers](http://PortNorfolk.org/flowers) or visit us at the park. Call Randy Smith with questions or orders: 739-4739.



#### **Derby Day Hat Contest!**

Come to the May Civic League Meeting wearing your best Kentucky Derby Day Hat! We'll have a contest with prizes for the best in show!

#### **Port Norfolk Fall Mulch Drive:**

Watch our website and future issues of Porch Talk for updates!

#### **PoNo Road Show: May 21<sup>st</sup> 7:30am - 12:30pm**

Where? The Rec Center Parking lot, located at 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!

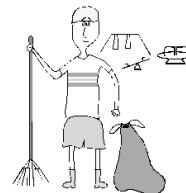
This family friendly event will feature arts and crafts vendors, as well as flea market booths. Please call Amy O'Donnell (739-6433) if you are interested in booth space to sell your wares!



#### **Neighborhood Clean-up: April 23<sup>rd</sup> 8am - 11am**

The next time you are sitting at a stop light in our neighborhood, take a look around. Can you

believe how many empty cups, food wrappers, and cigarette butts you see? Port Norfolk's natural beauty is diminished by carelessly tossed out trash. Let's do something about it!



Bring your family and friends to the Port Norfolk Rec. Center for a meaningful and fun (yes, fun!) day of service work in honor of Earth Day. There will be prizes for the kids who participate. We can all make a difference in our neighborhood!

**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](http://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 April a very happy day!



*John Burns III, Catherine Harrison, Donna James,  
John Lifsey and Grace Muehlbauer*

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

## Around the Park ...

Parents & Kids: Every Sunday at 4:00pm 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!

## Community Bible Study

Port Norfolk Church is hosting a ladies Bible study based on Beth Moore's series, Sundays at 4pm at 355 Mt. Vernon Avenue. 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](http://www.rbefarm.com)

## Take A Gamble ... Come to a Civic League Meeting!

50/50 Raffle now held at league meetings. Come win some money!

## WANTED: Local Crafters

The PoNo Road Show is Saturday, May 21st and we are looking for local crafters who want to booth spaces! Spaces are first come/first serve and they are \$20.00 per space. For more information, please contact Amy O'Donnell at 739-6433

## Lights on for Safety!

There have been car break-ins late at night. Please lock your car and take valuables out. Keep your porch light on, all night, every night!

## Looking for a few good people!

Here's an opportunity for adults/teenagers/college students to gain community service experience to add to resumes, job and/or college applications. Our Civic League will provide certificates/letters of reference/verification! Call Heather at 748-9007 or email [heathermcvey@kw.com](mailto:heathermcvey@kw.com) to sign up for one of the following:

- \* **ADOPT A POT:** Need 7 residents to adopt a pot (actually 2) and 2 residents to adopt a flowerbed at reflection walk
- \* **KICKBALL FACILITATOR:** To lead/organize neighborhood kickball and play dates Sundays at 4pm
- \* **PHOTOGRAPHER-** Take pictures at community events and projects
- \* **ARTIST-** Help create event signs and posters

## Porch Talk Classified Ads

For complete advertising information, as well as special limited time pricing offers, please visit our website: [www.portnorfolk.org](http://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!*

## Port Norfolk Elementary School:

As of March 15th, the developer has yet to return the revised Sales and Development Agreement to Portsmouth's Economic Development Authority (EDA). According to the Director of Economic Development, Patrick Small, the developer has had the agreement for 3 or 4 weeks. A work session is planned at the May EDA Meeting to go over the contract. Please see the News tab of the [PortNorfolk.org](http://PortNorfolk.org) website for more information.

## Upcoming Events: See PortNorfolk.org for details!

**Kids in the Woods Walkathon - April 9-10 :** Help raise funds to build structures and play areas on the Kids Trail at Hoffer Creek.

### Easter Egg Hunt - Saturday, April 16th (12:30pm)

The Portsmouth Humane Society is hosting an Easter Egg Hunt! Hippity-Hop on over to 4020 Seaboard Court, the location of their soon to be New Shelter! Children and Dogs are invited to bring their own baskets. Cost is \$5 per participant!

**Family Night - Thursday, April 21st:** A night for family and friends to join their Port Norfolk neighbors for dinner at the Recreation Center!



**Easter Egg Hunt - Saturday, April 23rd:** 11am at Broad Street United Methodist Church. Plan on games, cotton candy, beverages and fun!

**Easter Sunday Sunrise Service at Reflection Walk - April 24th:** 6am service by Port Norfolk Baptist Church.

**Easter Egg Hunt and Egg Toss - Sunday, April 24th:** 1pm at Port Norfolk Baptist Church.



**3rd Annual "Cause for Paws" - Saturday, April 30th:** 5K Run, Dog Walk & Animal Friendly Festival at North Landing Park (#1 Crawford Parkway) This event is a major fundraiser for the Portsmouth Humane Society, which is trying to raise money to build a new animal shelter. In addition to the 5K run and 1 mile dog walk, the event will include a live music by Joint Therapy, food and beverages from local restaurants, children's activities, local rescue groups, exhibitors, adoptable animals and more.



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