



PORCH TALK



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Next Civic League Meeting

Port Norfolk Recreation Center at 432 Broad Street

Thursday August 4, 2011 7:00 pm

Our speaker at this meeting is Nora Chivers from VDOT. She will be discussing the MLK extension and the plans for an additional tube on the Midtown Tunnel.

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

Civic League News & Events

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



**I WANT YOU
ON THE HOLIDAY
HOMES TOUR!**

Holiday Tour of Historic Homes:

For many people, one of the highlights of the holiday season is the Tour of Homes in Port Norfolk. In 1983, Port Norfolk was placed on the National Register of Historic Places and designated as a historical district. Today it still maintains its allure with its wide range of homes; no two are the same! The homes in Port Norfolk reflect a romantic architecture of a bygone era, whether they are large or small.

Past visitors on the Tour have loved coming to Port Norfolk to see our homes. This year, we need your help to continue the tradition ... volunteer your home for the Tour! Homes are needed before preparation can begin for 2011's Holiday Tour of Homes, which is scheduled for Sunday, December 4th.

We also need an army of elves to help support this wonderful event! Please go to our website for further information, or come to the August league meeting and speak with Yvonne DeSiano. She can also be reached via phone or email: (757) 399-7526 or dcandoco1@cox.net.

Port Norfolk Fall Mulch Drive:

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

Fall Festival:

Your Civic League is gearing up for fall fun and we hope you are too! Here is a preview of just a few things that have been proposed so far:

- * Halloween pumpkin carving contest
- * Costume parade with judging and prizes!

Summer Celebration!

Thank you to everyone who came out for our neighborhood Summer Celebration! It was wonderful to see so many new faces mingling with the familiar ones! The kids had a great time playing all of the games that Heather McVey, our Recreation Board member organized. I'm sure that those of you who were there will definitely agree that Heather was amazing! Thank you, everyone who brought a side dish. The variety made our picnic lunch fun! And a special thank you to the person who brought the Mac & Cheese: you were the talk of the party amongst the kids!

IN AN EMERGENCY— PLEASE CALL 911.

Port Norfolk's 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 August a very happy day!



*Janet Atzert, John Bailey, Jon Berry, Sylvia Bray,
Harry Costello, Madalyn Grimes, Declan O'Donnell,
Elisabeth O'Donnell, and Deanna Ponton*

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

Congratulations!

John Lifsey has been nominated for a seat on the Historic Preservation Board! Now he's not just our CAR, he's a driver, too!

In Deepest Sympathy

We extend our sincere condolences to the family of Mae Baker, a native Portsmouth resident. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Neighborhood No-no's & Uh-oh's

- * Please don't park in your yard. If you have a driveway, you can park there, but parking in yards is not allowed and you are subject to ticketing and fines!
- * Bulk pick-up goes out the night before trash day. Please refrain from putting it out a week or so ahead of time, as has been occurring. It makes our beautiful neighborhood look dirty, and "trashy" ...
- * The City will no longer pick up tires with bulk trash collection. Please do not put them out, because they will be left behind.
- * Please respect your neighbors' property and also, teach your children not to run through others' yards, disturbing things they shouldn't.
- * The City will be making improvements to the sidewalks and streets along Mt. Vernon in conjunction with the Healthy Portsmouth initiative. More about this soon.

Chickens and Eggs and lots of good eating!

Are you looking for a few good eggs? Well, you are in luck because 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



Walking by Reflection Walk?

Bag holders have been installed at Reflection Walk for our canine friends. Please bring your plastic grocery bags and stuff the box! If you are walking your dog, please utilize these bags to clean up after your pet. Do your duty, after your dog does theirs!

Neighborhood Watch

Come talk with neighbors about a Neighborhood Watch program at September's Civic League Meeting! We need 35% involvement to get a program recognized by the City. Thank you to all of the neighbors who are currently working on this program, but, we need more neighborhood participation. Please check portnorfolk.org for more information. If you are interested, call Sarah Wilson 392-0312 or email sbwilson@rockbridge.net.

Reporting Crime Is Easy!

It only takes a moment to make Port Norfolk a Crime Free Zone. You can call in a tip at the 1-888-LOCK-U-UP number and speak directly to the Coordinator.

Call: If you see a crime in progress or if you have an emergency dial 9-1-1 immediately. You should use this service to contact the police in situations when you need an immediate response - if a crime / incident is happening now or if anyone is in immediate danger.

If you have a non-urgent issue—vandalism, theft from motor vehicle, property damage, suspicious cars or persons – you should report the incident to Dispatch Non-Emergency at 757-393-5300.

Text: You can send an anonymous text about a crime tip by simply texting the word "Portsmouth" plus your message to 274637.

By sharing information you have about a crime, you are helping the police, your neighbors and your community. You are also being proactive in helping to prevent future crimes from taking place.

Sewer Rehabilitation Project

The City of Portsmouth Department of Public Utilities will be conducting a Port Norfolk Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Project in the alley from Adriatic Street to Wesley Street between Mount Vernon Avenue and Florida Avenue from about July 5th through August 30th, 2011. This work should not affect individual services. However, if a temporary service outage is required the individual residences will be notified.

Yard Sale: Saturday August 6th, 8am-3pm

Everything priced to sell! Household items, some antiques, chairs, dolls, pictures, lamps, knickknacks, smoker grill, clothing, shoes, and much more! 342 Maryland Avenue in Port Norfolk

Bible School

Vacation Bible School at Port Norfolk Baptist Church starts at 5:00 PM on Sunday, July 31st and will continue every evening from 6:00 - 8:30 through Thursday, August 4th. There are classes for ages 4 to adult.

Attention Vendors and Crafters!

CHURCH BAZAAR: October 15th, 8am to 2 pm, Broad Street United Methodist Church. Email Pat Mullins at broadstreetumc@gmail.com or call 397-6314 for more info. Table rental is only \$30 for the day!

Port Norfolk Rental: \$675/mo

1 bedroom with eat in kitchen, A/C, gas heat, off street parking, stove, refrigerator, washer/dryer. Included: small yard, grass cut by landlord, some utilities paid. Available Sept. 1st, 2011. Credit check required. Please call (757) 399-2726 for more information

Citizens Fire Academy: Sept. 10th & Sept. 17th

Always wanted to be a fireman but didn't get the chance? Well, here it is, the opportunity you've been waiting for! Portsmouth's Dept. of Fire, Rescue and Emergency Services is offering Citizens Fire Academy! Space is limited so you will want to sign up fast. Go to our website to see the brochure, or contact Firefighter Anna Silva for more info: (757) 393-8689

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