



PORCH TALK

Happy Thanksgiving
November 2011



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Next Civic League Meeting

Port Norfolk Recreation Center at 432 Broad Street

Thursday November 3, 2011 7:00 pm

Our speaker at this meeting is Brian Donahue from Portsmouth Redevelopment and Housing Authority (PRHA). Come hear what they are doing to enhance the quality of life for Portsmouth residents through the various programs and services offered.

(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!

Holiday Tour of Historic Homes:

This year's tour will be held on Sunday, December 4, 2011, 3-7pm. Advance ticket price is \$12.00. Tickets will go on sale November 4, 2011 and may be purchased at the Fall Festival, during the November Civic League meeting, at the Village Hair Design and Pizza Box, located in Port Norfolk and Kitchen Kooop and Anderson-Wright Garden and Rooms in Olde Towne Portsmouth. This year's event will have musical entertainment, a Victorian Doll House raffle, bonfires along tour route and Portsmouth Mounted Police.

We are asking all Port Norfolk residents to join us to make the tour spectacular! Get in the HOLIDAY SPIRIT and light up your homes with Christmas decorations! Judging for decorations will be Saturday, December 3, 2011. We still need an army of elves to help support this wonderful event! Please go to our website for further information, or come to the November League meeting and speak with Yvonne DeSiano. She can also be reached via phone or email: (757) 399-7526 or dcandoco1@cox.net.

The Rodeo is Coming to Port Norfolk!

Healthy Portsmouth & Port Norfolk Civic League have teamed up to bring you a fantastic fall event! Our Recreation Chairperson, Heather McVey, is kicking things off with the "Get Off Your Hide and Ride Bike Rodeo and Chili Cook-off." Taste the chili prepared by expert chefs and vote for your favorite! Then cheer for the kids as they compete in the bike rodeo events! Shop at the Craft Fair and Bike Sale. Interact with the Police/EMS Bike teams. Play cornhole, horsehoes and four square. Challenge your family to a Zumba match! This is fun for everyone! Plus, you can take an adventure walk along the new walking paths created by the Portsmouth Walks project. Visit "events" on our website for more details! www.portnorfolk.org



EMERGENCIES — PLEASE CALL 911. Non Emergencies: 393-5300

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 November a very happy and wonderful day!



*Rosemary Green, Warren Green, Tammy Lifsey,
Claudia Martinez, Paul McGrath, Manuel Natal,
Garcia Smith Kelly, Carla Smothers, Jana Young*

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

Your Civic League At Work

The Civic League works to address issues affecting the quality of life in Port Norfolk. When a community speaks together, its voice can be so much more powerful than that of an individual alone. Some things we work on:

- *improvement of community infrastructure*
- *traffic management and transportation planning*
- *public safety and crime*
- *providing support for our neighbors, local business and non-profits.*

We need every Port Norfolk resident to get involved - together we can make a difference! We meet the first Thursday of each month at the Portsmouth Recreation Center 432 Broad St. 7 p.m. Write to us at board@portnorfolk.org or better yet, come to a meeting and let us know your interests or your concerns. We'd love to hear from you!

If you really feel inspired, volunteer for one of the open board positions! We are looking for some great people who want to help guide our neighborhood towards a future filled with new generations of residents!

Mulchfest 2011

Thanks to everyone who ordered mulch for delivery on Saturday, Oct. 22nd. Delivery will be offered by League volunteers in Spring and Fall 2012. Amy's e-mail address had a small typo in last month's issue, so if you tried to place an order and didn't get a response, we apologize!

A very special thank you to Tom "Mulchmeister" Getz for delivering 100 bags to the neighbors throughout Port Norfolk! It couldn't have been done without your help!

Port Norfolk Goes Hollywood!

Did you notice camera crews along the waterfront last month? A dramatic re-enactment was filmed Oct. 19th for an episode of the show "FBI: Criminal Intent". Producers believed an area on Bayview near the bridge matched the look they needed for a scene and hope to use historic Port Norfolk as a location for other shows in the future. The episode will air in early 2012. Watch for it on **Investigation: Discovery!**

Fuel Assistance Application Deadline - Nov. 14th

Applications are now being accepted at Dept. of Social Services for those seeking fuel assistance this year. If you think you may need assistance, please submit your application as soon as possible! For more on the Energy Assistance Program, please visit the site below:
www.dss.virginia.gov/benefit/ea/index.cgi

Port Norfolk Rentals: \$520/mo - \$670/mo

Efficiency with eat in kitchen, porch, A/C, washer/dryer, gas heat

1 bedroom with eat in kitchen, washer/dryer, off street parking, some utilities paid. Available immediately. Please call (757) 399-2726

Port Norfolk Residents—Who Inspires YOU?

Is there someone in the neighborhood who inspires you? We want to know about them! We'd like to pick a different person each month and recognize them in the newsletter and on our web site.

November's Inspirational person is Ryan Bell.

Ryan has been a Port Norfolk Resident for 13 years, living with his parents in their home on Mt. Vernon Ave. Over the past year, Ryan has given 870 hours of volunteer time at the Portsmouth Humane Society. He received the Presidential Service Award for his efforts. Ryan hopes that once he turns 18 he will be able to work there full time helping the animals of Portsmouth. Until then, he is hoping to start a dog walking service in the neighborhood. If you happen to see Ryan, (he'll probably be the one walking lots of dogs through our neighborhood) say hello and congratulate him on his achievements and excellent leadership example amongst his peers!

Christmas Lights too much? Decorate Your Door!

While everyone loves to look at twinkly lights and greenery draped over a house, and decorations hung from the top of chimney with care, not everyone wants to do all of that work. That is why we are proposing the "Decorate Your Door" contest! This year, along with the judging for whole house decorations, we are also going to be looking at doors! So "Deck Your Entrance Hall" and give us something to look at on December 3rd as our judges go from house to house, looking for those doors that are well and truly decked!

Influence Your Future: VOTE!

A judge set Nov. 8, 2011 for a special election to fill the council seat vacated by Elizabeth Psimas The city council appointed Dr. Edmonds to fill that seat temporarily. Everyone is encouraged to register, educate themselves on those running, and plan to vote. Spread the word to help obtain full participation of the electorate.

Please go to our website for more information about General and Special Elections, Voter Registration and Absentee Voting as it pertains to this very important, upcoming election. Unhappy with the way things are being run? Then vote and make a difference! YOU have the power to effect CHANGE!

Volunteers Needed!

Just in case you missed the request for volunteers on the previous page, here it is again: we need volunteers to help with the Get Off Your Hide and Ride Chili Cookoff & Bike Rodeo! Contact Heather McVey for more details: (757) 748-9007. We also need volunteers to help with the Holiday Homes Tours. Contact Yvonne DeSiano for more details: (757) 399-7526. We could really use your help!

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