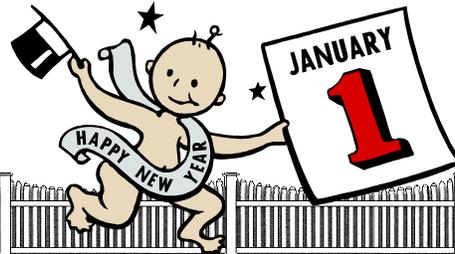


January 2014

PORCH TALK



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Next Civic League Meeting

Port Norfolk Recreation Center at 432 Broad Street

Thursday January 2, 2014 7:00 pm

Our guest speaker for the first meeting of 2014 is the City of Portsmouth's Police Chief Edward Hargis. Please come to hear what he says about the plans for crime reduction that have been in place this year, as well as going forward!

Civic League News & Events

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

Port Norfolk Holiday Historic Homes Tour

This year's historic homes holiday tour was spectacular! The League offers a heartfelt thank you to all of the gracious homeowners who allowed visitors in to view their beautiful residences. An equally fervent thank you to all of the people who made this event so successful: the host/hostesses, the people who sold tickets, provided refreshments, music: we couldn't have an event this wonderful without people like you!

The Holiday Light Show Contest!

The second annual Holiday Light Show was even MORE PHENOMENAL than we could have expected! We can't emphasize enough how impressed the judges were with the caliber of decorations that they had to decide amongst. It was a very difficult decision to pick the winners, but they had to pick and although it was hard, eventually, they made their choices ... but we had to bring in extra judges to break some ties!

Here are the amazing winners for 2013:

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| 1. Blinded by the Light: 110 Douglas Avenue
<i>(brightest lights)</i> | 6. Ray of Light: The Manor on Broad!
<i>(people's choice)</i> |
| 2. Light It Up: 525 Douglas Avenue
<i>(best use of inflatables)</i> | 7. Winter Wonderland: 154 Florida Avenue
<i>(most magical)</i> |
| 3. The Light Fantastic!: Maryland Mansion!
<i>(Judge's pick)</i> | 8. Vintage Holiday: 209 Maryland Avenue
<i>(historic holiday)</i> |
| 4. Lightning McQueen: 458 Chautauqua
<i>(Kid's choice)</i> | 9. Greensleeves: 214 Mt. Vernon Avenue
<i>(best use of natural greenery)</i> |
| 5. In Living Color: 404 Maryland Avenue
<i>(most colorful)</i> | 10. Electric Light Orchestra: 408 Chautauqua
<i>(best lights with sound)</i> |

Visit our website, PortNorfolk.org, to see the photos of these amazing homes! Hopefully you had the opportunity to drive past them while they were decorated, because it was really fun to see so many beautiful homes decorated so creatively and lit so spectacularly! Plus, we inspired at least one other neighborhood to have their own holiday light contest, too! Hopefully the Holiday Lights fever will spread through the City and Portsmouth will become THE place to come see beautiful lights, thanks to all of you!

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

Our new NIO Officer is Sean Hughes. Please contact him if you see anything suspicious, but not an emergency: (757) 235-4556 or hughess@portsmouthva.gov

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

2014 Port Norfolk Civic League Membership Form

Name: _____ Birthday Month(s): _____

Address: _____ Park Donation: _____

Phone: _____ Email Address: _____

\$5.00 fee per membership can be paid at a league meeting, or mailed to address below. Park donations should be noted as such and mailed to Port Norfolk Civic League, P.O. Box 7114, Portsmouth VA 23707.

Birthdays

Wishing everyone who celebrates a birthday in January a jubilant day!



Chrissy Covington, Debbie Foytik, Rose Harris, John Higgins, Jenene Howard, Brad Hunter, Casey Lifsey, Jackson Lifsey, Nicole Macaulay, David Rafferty, Marlene Smith, and Scott Young

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

With Deepest Sympathy

Port Norfolk has lost another longtime resident: Shelley R. Wynn was a graduate of Churchland High School and former employee at NNSY. She was instrumental in the setup and operation of Wynn Seafood, and managed the business for 20 years. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family and friends during this sad time.

Leave Leaves in the Alley!

Many of you have been raking and bagging leaves to clean up your lawns and the street in front of your home, for which we say 'Bravo!' and 'Thank you!' However, we also say, please put the leaves in clear bags and place with your trash cans in the alley, or they will not be picked up and all of your hard work will be for naught!

Turning a Historic Corner

Our new historian, Kim Lewandowski, has been hard at work, interviewing residents, gathering stories and preserving memories. She will be giving us all glimpses into the past very shortly, putting abbreviated stories here in Porch Talk, and the longer version on our website. Please watch for continuing developments ... we are all very excited to read about the history she unearths. If you have any information you would like to share, any pictures you would like to have immortalized, any stories that should be told, please contact Kim at historian@portnorfolk.org or via (757) 646-4522.

Coming to Midtown in the Fall of 2014!

Construction has begun on the new Kroger Marketplace in Midtown Portsmouth at Frederick Boulevard and Turnpike Road. As anchor of the Midtown Marketplace, the 124,000 square foot Kroger Marketplace will offer a number of services and specialty shops pairing food and general merchandise including kitchenware, jewelry, bed and bath items, decorative goods, office and school supplies, apparel, toys and seasonal items as well as a drive through pharmacy and fuel center.

Civic League Board Positions Open

The Civic League has several Board positions open:

- Recreation
- Webmaster
- Welcoming

Please contact John Lifsey (399.2383) if you would like to know more about what you can do to help your neighborhood grow and prosper in the years to come!

It's 2014, Membership Renewal Time!

It's the start of a new year and that means it is time to renew your Civic League Membership. Please contact Carolann Malbrough at 537.0833 or come visit her at the membership table during one of our monthly meetings. With your \$5.00 membership, you will receive a Port Norfolk window cling and have your birthday announced in our monthly Porch Talk newsletters! Your membership dues help support Civic League events throughout the year, as well as the circulation of Porch Talk. Port Norfolk has the largest and most active Civic League in the City and we want to keep it that way! The more participation we get from you, the better we can all become at serving our neighborhood and bettering our Community. We look forward to having all of our existing members renew their membership and hope that new members will join us, too!

Chicken, Egg, Turkey, Duck and BEEF!

RBE Farm (rbefarm.com) offers locally grown, natural and antibiotic-free, pasture raised poultry (chicken, turkey and duck!) eggs, and beef. You can support your local merchants and buy the healthiest food for your family at the same time! Contact rbefarm@mac.com to place your order and it's delivered right here to Port Norfolk! Tatjana Adam's house—107 Douglas Avenue—is a pick-up location.



Reflection Walk Memorial Bricks

Express your love for a friend or family member who has suffered at the hands of cancer: The Port Norfolk Civic League offers bricks, engraved to your specifications, that are professionally laid under the beautiful gazebo at Reflection Walk, overlooking the Elizabeth River. A brick dedication ceremony is held annually each September for those who have purchased bricks for their friends and loved ones. For more information, or to obtain an order form, please e-mail Nicole Macaulay at reflection-walk@portnorfolk.org or call (757) 412-7391.

Construction Junction

New Year's resolutions have many of you sharpening your tools and planning to do some renovation to the exterior of your home. Before you do, please call/visit the permits dept. to get a certificate of authorization. Because we live in a historic district, planning has to be taken prior to making any changes. If you do any work without authorization, you are subject to huge fines! Do yourself a favor and please call first:

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