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**Next Civic League Meeting**

*Port Norfolk Recreation Center at 432 Broad Street*

**Thursday April 3, 2014 7:00 pm**

Our guest speaker for the March meeting is Bruce Labonde from Oasis Ministries. He'll be talking about the programs they offer for those who are struggling and/or homeless in the area.

**Civic League News & Events**

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

**Spring Mulch Delivery - Saturday, April 5th!**

What could be easier than having mulch delivered straight to your garden? Support your community while making your yard look great! Volunteers from the Civic League will bring affordable bagged mulch to you on April 5th. Two cubic yards of brown pine bark nuggets or shredded cypress for only \$4.00 per bag, plus a \$5.00 delivery fee. Proceeds benefit the Civic League and the Elizabeth River Project. Contact Amy with your order at amyodonnell@cox.net! Payment upon receipt.

**Neighborhood Clean-up! Saturday, April 26th, starting 9am in Fountain Park**

Finished spring cleaning in your house? Itching to get outside and do something to hurry spring along? How about participating in our Spring Cleaning of the Parks Gala-athon? We have obtained a spectacular dumpster for your gar-bah-ge bags o'plenty, glamorous gloves to protect your mani (not to mention your handies) and pick up sticks that will make you want to channel your inner dancing Dick Van Dyke in Mary Poppins! We will even be breaking ground (not Breaking Bad, sorry!) at Fountain Park and Reflection Walk, planting some pretties, and weeding out last year's not-so-pretty anymores. Do you have time to join us? Come on! It'll be fun! And we would LOVE to see you there! 9am in Fountain Park on Saturday, 4/26!

**The 4th Annual Port Norfolk Porch Crawl - Sunday, April 27th**

The Porch Crawl will be held on April 27th from noon 'til 4pm. Food, drink, friends and fun! It's a wonderful way to meet your neighbors and enjoy exploring our beautiful neighborhood, while doing something good for your community! The attendance fee is \$15.00 for Civic League members and \$20.00 nonmembers. This event is a fundraiser for both The Portsmouth Humane Society and The Port Norfolk Civic League. If you would like more information about attending this event, please contact Erika Nestler via email at: vicepresident@portnorfolk.org

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

**Our new NIO Officer is Officer Jennifer Truitt. Please contact her if you see anything suspicious, but not an emergency: (757) 737-3073**

For Board member email addresses, visit our website at [www.portnorfolk.org](http://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 April an AMAZING day!

Happy Birthday,  Paulette Dykes and  
John Lifsey!

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

## Reflection Walk Memorial Bricks

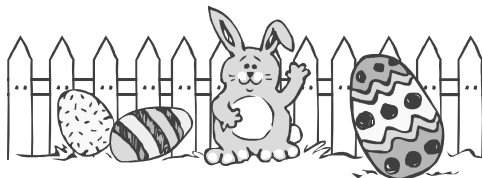
Spring is the perfect time to express your love for a friend or family member who has suffered at the hands of cancer. The Port Norfolk Civic League offers bricks, engraved to your specifications, that are professionally laid under the beautiful gazebo at Reflection Walk, overlooking the Elizabeth River. A brick dedication ceremony is held annually each September for those who have purchased bricks for their friends and loved ones. The next memorial brick dedication ceremony will be held September 14, 2014 at 3:00 pm at Reflection Walk. For more information, please e-mail Nicole Macaulay at [reflectionwalk@portnorfolk.org](mailto:reflectionwalk@portnorfolk.org) or call (757) 412-7391.

## Who Wants A Summer Kick-Off On June 7th?

We all do! Now that March is finally over, we've hopefully heard the lion roar for the last time, and the little lamb of spring is ready to leap into summer! To celebrate the end of a long, long winter, we want to do something special to make sure sunshine feels really welcome, so get ready, prepare yourself, and your kids, for some summer awesomeness! Our two new recreation gurus, Joy Guadano and Martha Mitchell, are already planning how launch the summer in a majorly FUN way! Watch for more details soon!

## Home Façade Renovation Loans Available from PRHA!

Does your house need a little pick-me-up, but it's a little difficult to round up the money to pay for it? Well, you might be in luck! The Portsmouth Redevelopment and Housing Authority is issuing loans for façade renovations for homes, and especially those in the historic districts! Need a roof? New doors/windows? Exterior painting? New lighting? Fret not, fair homeowner, the PRHA could be the answer to your exterior beautification needs! Go here for more information: [www.prha.org](http://www.prha.org) and then select the "redevelopment" tab at the top of the page. Look for "façade loans"



## Family Friendly Fun in Portsmouth in March!

**The East Carolina University Chamber Singers: April 6<sup>th</sup> 3pm**  
The East Carolina University (ECU) Chamber Singers, the premier vocal ensemble at ECU in Greenville, NC, is conducted by Dr. Andrew Crane. This choir consists of 36 mixed-voice singers, ranging from freshmen to graduate students, including music majors and non-music majors. The Chamber Singers perform a variety of challenging choral music from the Renaissance to composers of today, spanning numerous styles and languages. Presented by Portsmouth Community Concerts. [Willett Hall](http://www.willett-hall.com) - 3701 Willett Drive | (757) 393-5144

**The 62nd Annual Portsmouth Invitational Tournament (PIT): April 16<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup>** - Each year the basketball world focuses on Portsmouth as 64 of the nation's best college seniors participate in a four-day, twelve-game tournament. Scouts from every National Basketball Association team are on-site to evaluate the talent on the court. Past players include NBA greats such as Rick Barry, Earl "The Pearl" Monroe, John Stockton and Scottie Pippen. [www.portsmouthinvitational.com](http://www.portsmouthinvitational.com) | 757-393-8481

**Public Safety Expo: April 19<sup>th</sup>, 10 AM - 2 PM** - One day event celebrating public safety resources in the City of Portsmouth including vendors, entertainment and special guests. Free and open to the public. **Portsmouth City Park**. For more information, please call 757-393-8481.

**Historic Garden Tour – Portsmouth: April 26<sup>th</sup>, 10 AM - 5 PM**  
Six private homes and gardens are the focus of the tour. Tour locations are in a 3 mile radius. Several of the homes are close to each other and may be visited by walking. On-street parking is available throughout the tour. Lunch is available between 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Green Acres Presbyterian Church for \$12 pp. Advance reservations required. Complimentary refreshments served in one of the gardens from 1 to 4 p.m. Contact Jan Meredith (757) 483-1396 or [janmeredith@cox.net](mailto:janmeredith@cox.net)

**All Points Portsmouth: A Historical & Fun Scavenger Hunt: April 26<sup>th</sup>, 1 - 5 PM** - Hunt for treasure and vie for prizes in Olde Towne! Go here for more information and to register: <http://portsmouthpartnership.org/lefcoe/allpointssportsmouth/>

**Portsmouth Restaurant Week: April 27<sup>th</sup> - May 4<sup>th</sup>**  
Participating restaurants & menus to be revealed closer to date! Check with area restaurants for more info & maybe a sneak peek!

## Look for Port Norfolk Online!

Website: [www.PortNorfolk.org](http://www.PortNorfolk.org)  
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