



PORCH TALK

November 2014

Happy Thanksgiving



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Next Civic League Meeting

Port Norfolk Recreation Center at 432 Broad Street

Thursday November 6, 2014 6:30 pm



Our speaker at November's Meeting will be Abby Weber, Community Engagement Manager for the Foodbank of Southeastern Virginia. She will discuss the hunger issue in our community and around the Tidewater area and talk about the little things we can all do to help!

Civic League News & Events

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

December 4th:

Holiday Pot Luck at Port Norfolk Rec. Center

Reminder that our normal meeting in December will be a potluck dinner open to ALL! You do not have to be a member to join us as we celebrate friends, neighbors and the conclusion of another wonderful year. Bring a dish to share and prepare to have a great time! Remember, November is the last official meeting of 2014, because December's meeting is all about EATING!

December 7th: Port Norfolk Presents Our 3rd Holiday Light Show Contest!

Do you watch *Christmas Vacation* every year to ready yourself for the upcoming holiday light season? Do you watch *Deck the Halls* and think "HA! Amateurs." Have you ever found yourself staring at your house and rubbing your hands together in anticipation while thinking "MORE POWER!" in your best 'Tim the Tool Man Taylor' voice? Do you view those lights/music synchronized houses on the internet every year with thinly disguised envy, hoping that someday it will be YOUR house that's featured? If you were nodding along, then you are EXACTLY the kind of person who is going to enjoy The 3rd Holiday Light Show Contest! We want to put Port Norfolk on the **Holiday Must See** list! We want people to say "There Glows the Neighborhood!" when they think of us! Join your neighbors for a good spirited, competitive and fun event that will give the winners bragging rights for an entire year!

The rules are pretty straightforward:

You can decorate in any style, theme or color that you'd like, but keep it clean for the kids, please! In order to be eligible for any of the coveted titles that will be awarded to the best of the best in Port Norfolk, you must have your lights in place and ready to be judged, by the evening of Sunday, December 7th because this is when the judges will start viewing your home, trying to pick a winner from the stellar competition! But, the earlier you can have them up, the better, because that gives you more exposure time for the highly coveted "People's Choice" award! Pictures will be posted on our Facebook page, as well as our website, for voting! You can also suggest a home, if you feel one is really exceptional, to make sure it is not overlooked in the judging process. The judges will make their selections by Sunday, December 14th and the award signs will be placed in the lucky winner's yards that night. Best of luck to everyone and thank you for filling our neighborhood with holiday spirit! Our homes, decorated for the season, look absolutely magical!

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

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 November a noteworthy day!

*Dan Dykes, Kelly Garcia-Smith, Kira Kottow,
Debbie Lass, Dan Lewandowski, Tammy Lifsey,
Paul McGrath, Lynda Rafferty, Jim Windley
and 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

Annual Fall Festival - Saturday, Nov. 15th, 1-3pm

The Port Norfolk Baptist Church (401 Broad Street) would like to invite you to join them for their annual Fall Festival, a day full of games, cake walks, food, fun and fellowship!

Your Civic League Needs YOU!

Do you want to live in a community that is actively engaged in creating a neighborhood with activities that the whole neighborhood can participate in? Do you want to feel proud to say you live in a historic neighborhood that is safe and clean and the best place to live in Portsmouth? We do too, and we need your help to do it! We want your participation, your ideas and your fresh energy! We need people with enthusiasm and vision to become active members of the Civic League, to join our Board and fill committee chairs. WE are looking for YOU! Please contact our Civic League President, John Lifsey for more information.

2014 BOO-yah 5k Update!

A huge and heartfelt thank you to everyone who came out to race, watch, participate, volunteer, cheer, parade, donate and more! We are thrilled to report another fun and memorable race that helped raise donations of food and money, as well as awareness. Because of wonderful people like you, the Foodbank and the Port Norfolk Civic League will continue to do things to help make our community a better and stronger place. We will have a more thorough update about the race in next month's Porch Talk. Stay tuned and thank you again!

January League Meeting Date Update

The first Civic League Meeting in 2015 will be Jan. 8, 2015, not Jan. 1st, for obvious reason. Please mark this on your calendar.

Look for Port Norfolk Online!

Website: www.PortNorfolk.org
5k Website: www.BOOyah5k.com
On Facebook: [Port-Norfolk](https://www.facebook.com/Port-Norfolk)
On Twitter: [@PNCLtweet](https://twitter.com/PNCLtweet)



November Family Fun in Portsmouth!

Nov. 1st – 3rd - World Cruising Club Caribbean 1500 - The longest running ocean crossing rally in North America, the "1500" is a must do for many sailors. The ARC Caribbean 1500 fleet sails from Portsmouth, VA at the mouth the Chesapeake Bay to Nanny Cay on Tortola, British Virgin Islands

Nov. 8th - Honoring Our Veterans, 10am-5pm - Commemorate Veterans Day with us and discover the history behind the holiday as we remember those who have gone before us. Enjoy hands-on displays featuring World War II artifacts, engaging activities and experience what life was like for sailors on the high seas during wartime. Free Admission. Presented by the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard Museum and Lightship *Portsmouth*

Nov. 21st - Olde Towne Merchants Holiday Open House, 5-8pm
This kickoff to the winter holiday season features art, music and entertainment in the shops, galleries and restaurants Historic High Street Shopping District.

Nov. 21st - Catch A Turkey! 5-8pm Come to the Cavalier Manor Recreation Center for your chance to win a turkey. Activities to win a turkey for Thanksgiving include a 3-point shoot-out competition. Guess the turkey's weight and a Turkey Scavenger Hunt. This event is open to youth, teens and adults. Cavalier Manor Recreation Center. For more information please call 757-3558-2805.

Nov. 22nd - 30th Annual Grand Illumination Parade, 7pm
Come see the kickoff to Holidays in the City. It begins with the illumination of the downtown Norfolk and Olde Towne Portsmouth skylines. Streets of Downtown Norfolk

Nov. 28th - Holiday Farmer's Market in Olde Towne, 10am-1pm
Celebrate the season with food for feasting and unique gifts for giving. Corner of High and Court Streets. Just outside the Portsmouth Art & Cultural Center courtyard at Court and High Streets.

Nov. 28th-29th - Elf Academy! 9am-7:30pm - Welcome the holiday season with a trip to Winter Wonderland. Bring the kids to take part in the Elf Academy Workshop at the Art Annex. Children create a gift and become a certified holiday elf! High & Court St.

Nov. 28th-29th - Olde Towne Santa Winter Wonderland, 3-8pm
The Olde Towne Santa returns to meet children and listen to their wishes for the Holiday Season. High & Court St.

Nov. 28th-29th - Snow Wonders: Snow & Light Shows! 5:30-7:30pm - Bring the kids down to the Children's Museum of Virginia and stay for a musical light show accompanied by snow! Shows run every half hour from 5:30 to 7:30 pm Friday and Saturday evenings. 221 High St.

Nov. 29th – Deck the Halls! 10am-5pm - Celebrate the season by going back in time to see history at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard Museum. Make your own historically inclined ornaments and fun festoons to liven up your dwelling. Also discover the history and traditions behind holiday decoration and why we "deck the halls."

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