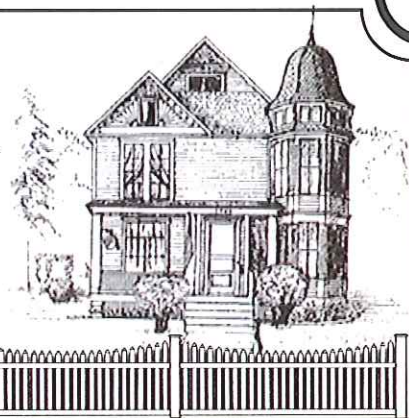




PORCH TALK

December 2014



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Next Civic League Meeting

Port Norfolk Recreation Center at 432 Broad Street

Thursday January 8, 2014 7:00 pm

The first Civic League Meeting in 2015 will be Jan. 8, 2015, not Jan. 1st. Our December 4th Meeting is our Annual Holiday Pot Luck Dinner at the Port Norfolk Rec. Center. Bring your family, and a dish to share as we join our wonderful friends and neighbors to celebrate the conclusion of another wonderful year in Port Norfolk! You do not need to be a member!

Happy New Year!

Civic League News & Events

December 4th:

Holiday Pot Luck at Port Norfolk Rec. Center

Bring a dish to share & prepare for a great time, because December's meeting is all about EATING!

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

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, no later than the evening of Sunday, December 7th! But, the earlier you have them up, the better, because that gives you more exposure time for the highly coveted "People's Choice" award! This is the award that YOU pick! Pictures will be posted on our Facebook page for voting! You can also nominate your neighbor, just to make sure their home is not overlooked in the judging process! Email holidaylights@portnorfolk.org or go to the Holiday Lights section of our website for more information. 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! May your days be merry and bright ...with LIGHTS!

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.

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

2015 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

We would like to wish Walter Bell a very happy birthday! He is a December-born baby, and the only one on our list! 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 three wonderful residents of our small community. Our thoughts and prayers are with the families and friends who mourn the passing of these three amazing people:

Ralph L. Batten - a lifelong resident of Port Norfolk, residing in the 400 block of Douglas. He was retired from the Yorktown Naval Weapons Station, a member of Broad Street United Methodist Church, Tidal Wave Masonic Lodge, the Walter Gardner Coffee Club, the Gridiron Club, the Civil War Roundtable and Sons of Confederate Veterans

Regina B. Smith - Residing in the 400 block of Douglas, Regina was the beloved mother of our Civic League Webmaster, Randy Smith. She will be greatly missed by her entire family.

Mitchell H. Stretlow - Residing in the 200 block of Maryland, Mitch was a U.S.M.C. Veteran of Vietnam, a cabinet maker, student of Antique Lore and a member of St. Paul Catholic Church.

Flyaway Flyers!

We all love to see flyers posted on various poles and buildings throughout the neighborhood because it gives us a sense of community and instills that small town feel in Port Norfolk. However, once you find your lost pet, or your yard sale is over, please remove your flyers. Tattered, weather-beaten flyers can't be read and they look bad. If you can't do it yourself, pay a neighborhood child to help, because they would love to earn some money helping like this! And many of the kids in our neighborhood are bothered by trash and litter. Help keep us looking beautiful and show you're proud to live in Port Norfolk by helping! If you notice someone littering, or would like to report violations of the neighborhood ordinances, please contact Tiffany Gardner, Port Norfolk's City Environmental Inspector, at 393-8531, ext. 4228.

Houdini Pets!

We've all seen them: the amazingly talented dogs and cats that manage to slip out the door, or through the fence, leaving their tags behind so they can roam the neighborhood, naked! If you are a pet owner, please keep a collar with tags on your pet to help them find their way home to you. Otherwise, if taken to the shelter with no collar, they can be adopted out immediately and you lose your best friend forever, and who wants that?

Look for Port Norfolk Online!

Website: www.PortNorfolk.org
5k Website: www.BOOyah5k.com
On Facebook: Port-Norfolk
On Twitter: @PNCLtweet



December Family Fun in Portsmouth!

Dec. 1-31: Winter Wonderland – holiday displays from the Coleman Nursery Collection. Portsmouth Art and Cultural Center, Corner of High & Court St. | 393-8543

Dec. 5-7, 12-14, 19-21: Santa@Winter Wonderland - Call for times: 393-8543

Dec. 5-7, 12-14, 19-21: Face Painting@Winter Wonderland At the Art Annex. Call for times: 393-8543

Dec. 5 & 12: Airbrushed Cards@Winter Wonderland, 5 - 8pm Create personalized cards.

Dec. 6, 13, 20, 27: Cookie Decorating@Winter Wonderland 9am-3pm – By Artisans Bakery

Dec. 6: Hill House Holiday Tea, 2pm - Call 757-714-3223.

Dec. 6, 13, 20, 27: Pony Rides@the Children's Museum, 2-5pm - 221 High Street, Olde Towne Portsmouth

Dec. 6, 20: Candle Making@Winter Wonderland, 5-8pm Corner of High & Court St. | 393-8543

Dec. 12-13: Historic Olde Towne Holiday Home Tour, 5-9pm Tour seven lavishly decorated homes: 106 London Street, 221 North Street - Hill House, 339 Court Street, 340 Court Street, 329 Court, 497 North and 506 Hampton Place. For more information: 757-305-7741 or 757-235-2608

Dec. 13: 20th Annual Santa Claus Shuffle 5K Race and 1 Mile Fun Run, 7 AM - Race begins at nTelos Wireless Pavilion. Call 757-488-9161

Dec. 13: Santa Family Photo Session, Noon - 4 pm – Pets welcome! TowneBank lobby, 200 High Street.

Dec. 13: Olde Towne Holiday Music Festival, Noon - 6 pm Launched in 1998, this festival has become one of Portsmouth's signature Holiday Season events.

* **Tidewater Opera Initiative Sing-Along, 12:30 & 1:30 PM** Children's Museum

* **Up Tempo Music Sing-Along, 2-4pm** - Children's Museum.

* **"Snow Queen" sings @ Winter Wonderland, 4 & 4:45 PM** - Portsmouth Art & Cultural Center

Dec. 13, 27: Chocolate Dipping@Winter Wonderland, 4-8pm By the Williamsburg Chocolatier. Portsmouth Art & Cultural Center Corner of High & Court St. | 393-8543

Dec. 19: Holiday Shoe Tree - Annual dedication of shoes collected by the Portsmouth family and donated to the Salvation Army for needy families. Portsmouth City Hall, 801 Crawford 757-393-8481

Dec. 19, 26: Scrimshaw Ornaments@Winter Wonderland, 5-8pm - Portsmouth Art & Cultural Center_Corner of High & Court St. 393-8543

Dec. 31: Noon Year's Eve Bash: Countdown to Noon, 11 am-2pm - Crafts, activities, music, and more! Corner of High & Court St. 393-8543

Dec. 31: 17th Annual Olde Towne Scottish Walk, 3:30pm - A procession of local family, friends, and visitors will be led by bagpipe-and-drum music beginning at Queen & Washington Streets and Ending at High Street Landing. Contact Susan Cocks for more information (757) 650-3052

Dec. 31: 6th Annual Lighted Boat Parade, 8pm Judging - If you wish to parade your boat email Susan Heely with vessel description and contact number: Susancocke@cox.net

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