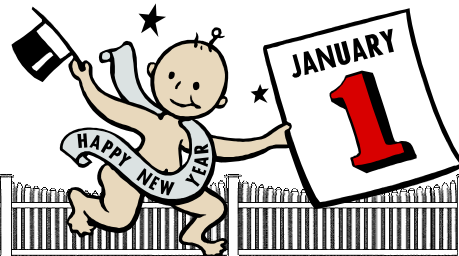


January 2015
PORCH TALK



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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 speaker will be the Portsmouth City Manager, John Rowe. Come hear his plans for the City in year 2015!

Civic League News & Events

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

The Holiday Light Show Contest!

The third annual Holiday Light Show proved that the longer this contest goes, the better the lighting displays become! We brought in judges from other neighborhoods to make the decisions and we can't tell you how impressed they were (and slightly envious that their neighborhoods don't look as good!) with the beautiful displays on the homes! Here are the winners for 2014!

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| 1. Blinded by the Light: 122 Maryland Avenue
<i>(brightest lights)</i> | 6. Ray of Light: 137 Broad Street
<i>(people's choice)</i> |
| 2. Light It Up: 458 Maryland Avenue
<i>(best use of inflatables)</i> | 7. Winter Wonderland: 123 Broad Street
<i>(most magical)</i> |
| 3. The Light Fantastic!: 154 Florida Avenue
<i>(Judge's pick)</i> | 8. Vintage Holiday: 229 Mt. Vernon Avenue
<i>(historic holiday)</i> |
| 4. Lightning McQueen: 144 Mt. Vernon Avenue
<i>(Kid's choice)</i> | 9. Greensleeves: 214 Mt. Vernon Avenue
<i>(best use of natural greenery)</i> |
| 5. In Living Color: 420 Maryland Avenue
<i>(most colorful)</i> | 10. Electric Light Orchestra: 257 Maryland Ave.
<i>(best lights with sound)</i> |

Hopefully you had the opportunity to drive past the neighborhood during the holiday, because it was really fun to see so many beautiful homes creatively decorated and lit so spectacularly. Thank you to everyone who took the time to spread some holiday cheer with outdoor décor! Our neighborhood looked incredibly beautiful!

Neighborhood Watch Meeting

We are going to start 2015 with a request that everyone who lives in the neighborhood joins the Neighborhood Watch! Participation in the Neighborhood Watch meetings declined in 2014, but at the same time, crime in the City increased. In order to stop the crime, we need our neighbors to participate. One of the reasons criminals are successful is because people stop looking out for each other, vigilance relaxes and people become complacent. Well, not this year! We are going to make sure our presence is seen, heard and felt and we need you to do it! The only requirement for participation is the desire to live in a nice place with neighbors who care, and I think that description could fit just about all of us! More about this will follow, plus updates will be posted on our Facebook page and webpage. If you have any questions/comments/concerns, please con-

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

Our new NIO Officer is Officer Jennifer Truitt. Please contact her if you see anything that is 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

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



Debbie Foytik, John Higgins, 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

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 by the City and all of your hard work will be for naught (and nobody likes naught!)

Civic League Board Positions Open

The Civic League has several Board positions open:

- Recreation
- Webmaster

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 2015, 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!

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 check before you act! Save yourself the fine or even worse, the lien and stop work order that may be placed on your home!



BUY Portsmouth. Buy Local.

This campaign is being re-launched to encourage patronage at Portsmouth businesses, and retention of current merchants. To strengthen the economic vitality of Portsmouth businesses, please support our local merchants!

Guardian Federal Credit Union • 309 County St. • 397-1234
Final Score Gift Shop (VA Sports Hall of Fame) • 206 High St. • 393-8031
Holistic Pharmacy, Inc. • 433 High St. • 606-1522
Southeast Spine & Wellness • 355 Crawford St., Ste. 506, • 399-4700
Way Back Yonder Antiques • 620 High St. • 398-2700
Portsmouth Visitor Information Center • 6 Crawford Pkwy. • 393-5111
The Coffee Shoppe • 300 High Street • 391-9191
New York Deli • 509 Court Street • 757-393-3354
Jimmy John's Gourmet Sandwiches • 341 High Street • 673-3400
Total Business Solutions, Inc. • 3413 Griffin Street • 398-8312
Jewish Museum & Cultural Center • 607 Effingham St. • 393-9266
Skipjack Nautical Wares & Marine Gallery • 1 High Street • 399-5012
Evangeline's Closet • 5585 Portsmouth Blvd. • 488-0004
The Finer Things • 511 Washington St. • 393-6668
Economy Printing • 4519 George Washington Hwy • 485-4445
Chick-fil-A • 901 Frederick Blvd. • 673-4414
Lovebug's Crafty Creations • 966-1593
Little Shoppes On High • 425 High Street • 393-1988
Children's Museum of Virginia Gift Shop • 221 High Street • 393-5258
Portsmouth Art & Cultural Center Gallery • 400 High Street • 393-8543
Portsmouth Naval Shipyard Museum Shoppe • 2 High Street • 393-8591
Bide A Wee Golf Course • 1 Bide A Wee Lane • 393-8600
The LINKS at City Park • 5 Cpl. J.L. Williams Ave • 465-1500
C. H. Smith Appliances • 3800 King Street • 393-2842
Portsmouth Armie Navie • 1817 High Street • 397-7452
Knock Out Mosquitoes • 692-1509
Prestige Auto Brokers • 4125 Portsmouth Blvd. • 399-2414
Roan Electric • 397-2663
Hard Times Skate Shop • 67 Afton Parkway • 966-5813
Plumeria Florist • 462 Washington Stree • 398-1650
Eden Salon and Spa • 3108 Tyre Neck Rd. • 686-3388

Our local restaurants need your love, too, and Portsmouth has some real hidden gems! Here are a few you really need to try, if you haven't already:

Dock of the Bay • 103 Constitution Ave • 337-8604
Gosport Tavern • 702 High Street • 606-2666
Mannino's Italian Bistro • 606 High Street • 966-7522
Pizza Box • 2616 Detroit Street • 393-2688
Still Worldly Eclectic Tapas • 450 Court Street • 332-7222
Stove The Restaurant • 2622 Detroit Street • 397-0900

Bon Appétit!



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