

## FAIR QUESTIONS & HONEST ANSWERS

### WHAT HAS THE CIVIC LEAGUE DONE FOR ME?

Projects and events are geared toward the community at large— to benefit individuals as well as families. Without realizing it, you may already be enjoying features of the neighborhood that are available to you at no cost, originated or facilitated by the Civic League.

One example is the transformation of our waterfront— a massive project conceived and managed completely by members of the Civic League and the League's Parks Committee.

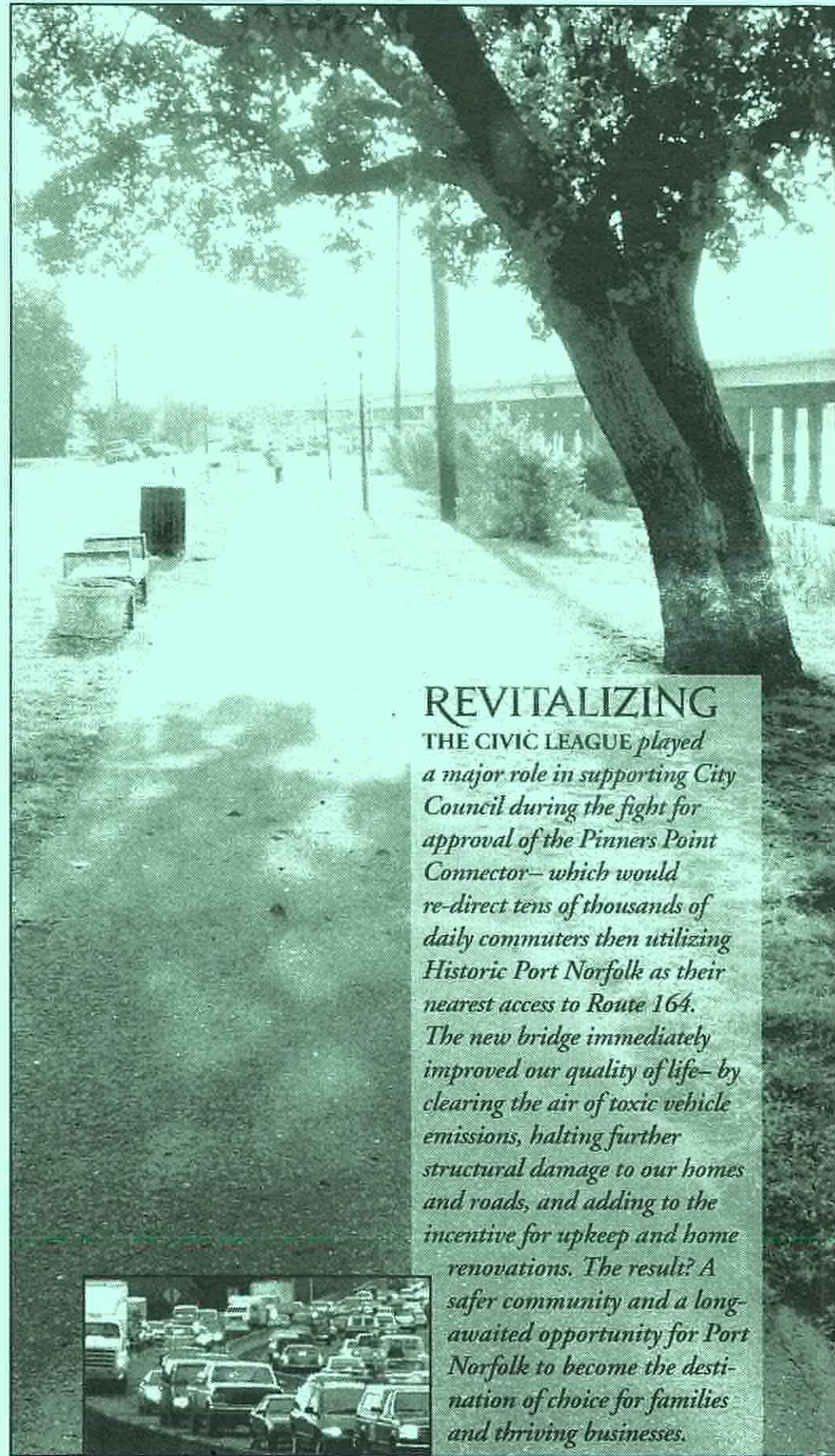
### WHY SHOULD I BECOME A MEMBER?

The Port Norfolk Civic League is a nonprofit organization made up of volunteers from the neighborhood. Executive Officers are also volunteers, elected annually by League members.

The Civic League strives to inform, unite and empower the residents of Port Norfolk while working to meet the civic, social, recreational, and cultural needs of the neighborhood.

When you become a member, you are joining a cause for the greater good.

Your concerns and ideas are heard. You have the opportunity to work with other civic-minded folks, and build the strongest, most cohesive community in Portsmouth— ultimately serving as a model for other neighborhoods!



### REVITALIZING

THE CIVIC LEAGUE played a major role in supporting City Council during the fight for approval of the Pinners Point Connector— which would re-direct tens of thousands of daily commuters then utilizing Historic Port Norfolk as their nearest access to Route 164. The new bridge immediately improved our quality of life— by clearing the air of toxic vehicle emissions, halting further structural damage to our homes and roads, and adding to the incentive for upkeep and home renovations. The result? A safer community and a long-awaited opportunity for Port Norfolk to become the destination of choice for families and thriving businesses.



### RESTORING

THE CIVIC LEAGUE joined forces with the Chesapeake Bay Foundation and the Elizabeth River Project to generate awareness about the fragile habitat at our water's edge. Members of the Parks Committee attended classes to learn how a common but noxious river reed was posing a dangerous threat to the balance of our wetlands by overtaking other important plant life. As neighbors convened to remove trash and debris left from years of neglect, educated professionals were enlisted to help eradicate the reed (known as Phragmites) and teach the Parks team how to restore the waterfront to a state of equilibrium by installing an oyster garden and by identifying the difference between weeds and vital plants.

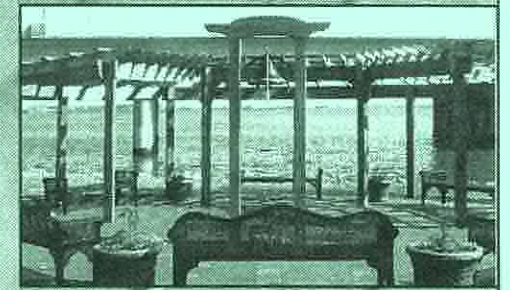


### REMEMBERING

THE CIVIC LEAGUE obtained approval from City Officials to install a paved pathway stretching five full city blocks along our slice of the riverfront. Reflection Walk became a reality, complete with elegant benches, decorative planters, streetlights and trash receptacles. The highlight of the project— known fondly as the Reflection Walk Arbor— is a cancer awareness park built to honor victims and survivors. Remembrance Bricks inscribed with personal messages have a permanent home and provide a solid foundation for this serene setting. A majestic bell stands tall and solemn, tolled by anyone wishing to express a struggle or triumph. This massive project was conceived, designed, constructed and installed by members of the Civic League and volunteer contractors. It was funded completely through donations from private citizens, neighboring businesses and fundraising efforts. Today, a quiet and safe Bayview Boulevard is a favorite for nature lovers, dog walkers, cyclists and strollers.

### TOLL THE BELL ON JUNE 29

Friends, family and neighbors are invited to celebrate the lives of those who have survived cancer, are still fighting to overcome the disease, or have lost the painful battle. The dedication and blessing of new Remembrance Bricks will commence at 6:00pm at the Reflection Walk Arbor at the intersection of Bayview Boulevard and Florida Avenue.



JOIN THE CIVIC LEAGUE OR RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP! Mail a check in the amount of \$5.00 per adult, per year, to Stephanie Herman at 3021 Detroit Street, Portsmouth, Virginia 23707.

MAKE A DONATION TO FOUNTAIN PARK OR REFLECTION WALK! Please indicate the park to which you are donating funds, and mail the check to the Port Norfolk Civic League, Post Office Box 7114, Portsmouth, Virginia 23707.

ALL CHECKS SHOULD BE MADE PAYABLE TO THE PORT NORFOLK CIVIC LEAGUE.

Name(s):

Address:

Telephone:

Email Address:

Birthday Month(s):



## REMEMBRANCES

Many happy returns to folks with May birthdays: Robert Campbell, Philip DiSiano, Florence Hood, Gail Hoofnagle, James Jones, Dorothy Parker and Carolyn Wyatt.

Heartfelt condolences are extended to the family and friends of Houston Wells Bennett. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this time of grief.

## YARD OF THE MONTH

May's winner is the home at 319 Mount Vernon Avenue. Your quaint yard is proof that the smallest details can make the biggest differences, without spending an exorbitant amount of time or money. Keep it up!



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# PORCH TALK

PORT NORFOLK  
NEWS & NOTES

MAY 2008

## PORCH LIGHT SAFETY TIPS

KEEP YOUR PORCH LIGHTS ON AT NIGHT  
GET TO KNOW YOUR NEIGHBORS  
CALL 911 ONLY IN THE CASE OF AN EMERGENCY

REPORT ANY SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY TO OUR  
NEAT OFFICER, CHRIS GILMORE, AT 235-5655

The Civic League would like to express special appreciation to Officer Gilmore for his unfaltering commitment to the safety and security of Port Norfolk.

## NEXT LEAGUE MEETING

THURSDAY, JUNE 5, 2008

Please join us in welcoming a very special guest speaker at our June meeting!

Mae Breckenridge-Haywood is President of the African American Historical Society of Portsmouth. Her credentials include those of author, teacher, librarian, curator and historian. She has received numerous awards and grants, as well as frequent press coverage featuring her leadership skills and ingenuity. Ms. Haywood will give an overview of the AAHSP— which is dedicated to celebrating the history of the local African American community and preserving its rich heritage in the Portsmouth area. She will also discuss the group's many ongoing projects.

During the renovation of the Community Center, all general Civic League meetings will be held at Port Norfolk Baptist Church, 401 Broad Street, on the first Thursday of every month at 7:00pm. Attendance is free and open to the public.



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## PORT NORFOLK'S ANNUAL COMMUNITY BAZAAR & SPRING FESTIVAL!

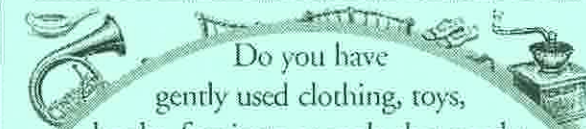
Saturday May 31 8:00am-1:00pm



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**SAVE THE DATE! MAY 31 - 8:00am-1:00pm**

**RESERVE A BOOTH SELL YOUR STUFF!**

Forget the expense of a yard sale permit and join the fun at our neighborhood bazaar! Call 399-4122 to check on booth availability. A mere \$20 will reserve a space to sell your goods, as you reap the benefits of free community-wide advertising for this mega-sale!