

PORCH TALK

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Editors' Note: Due to power outages resulting from the damage caused by Hurricane Isabel, we were unable to publish to Porch Talk on its regular schedule. Please accept our apologies for the delay.

CIVIC LEAGUE MEETING

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2

7:30 PM

PORT NORFOLK BAPTIST CHURCH SOCIAL HALL
401 BROAD STREET

Join us this month as we hear an update on the Pinners Point Connector presented by Buddy Watson, Project Manager for Tidewater Skanska, and Dennis Gribock, VDOT Project Maanger.

Last month, Michelle Eady, Portsmouth's Community relations and Leisure Services superintendent, along with other representatives from Portsmouth's department of Parks and Recreation, presented some of the programs and opportunities that will be available to Port Norfolk residents at the soon-to-be reopened Recreation Center at 432 Broad Street.

Disaster Relief for the Elderly

The Portsmouth Health Department has provided the following information concerning relief for hurricane-related needs:

The department has resources to help provide the elderly and the disabled with ice, water and hot meals. If you know of anyone who needs this help, please call (daytime) 393-8585, ext. 8599, or (after 5:00 pm) 406-2833. There is also a need for volunteers to distribute these items.

Good Neighbor Reminders

- Before beginning any type of construction or renovation to the exterior of your home, including fence installation, you must contact the Commission of Architectural Review for Port Norfolk (C.A.R.) at (757) 393-8836, extension 4203, to obtain approval for the project.
- Vinyl fencing is not permitted in the Historic District.

Yard of the Month



This month's Yard of the Month recognition goes to the infamous Hurricane Isabel, who just a couple of days wiped out much of our neighborhood landscape, not to mention our power and telephone service! We will choose a regular winner next month.



october birthdays

We wish a very happy birthday to Kirby Foytik, Patricia Heft and Duane Wilson.

In Sympathy...

We offer our condolences to the family and friends of Audrey Brazenor Overton, 101, formerly of the 2700 block of Bayview Boulevard. Mrs. Overton was active in the Port Norfolk community, and will be missed.



Pumpkin Carving Contest

Thursday, October 30, 7 pm

This is it! Your chance to show off your pumpkin carving talent. Make sure you have your pumpkins out and lit by 7 pm for the judges. Have fun and best of luck!



COMING EVENTS

- ✦ **Every Saturday, 7:30 am, Port Norfolk Bike: Saturday Morning Ride.** This is an A/B pace ride with some sprint efforts.
- ✦ **October 18-November 2, The Estates at River Pointe: Homearama 2003.** Be sure to get your homes ready for this event as it will bring many of our Hampton Roads neighbors through our neighborhood. Let's make a good impression!
- ✦ **October 22, 6:30 pm, Broad Street Books: Book signing** featuring Michael Pearson, author of *Shohola Falls*.
- ✦ **October 30, 7 pm: Port Norfolk's Annual Pumpkin Carving Contest.**
- ✦ **October 31, 7 pm, Broad Street United Methodist, 300 Broad Street: Community Halloween Celebration** for children up to grade 6. Admission is one canned good for the food pantry. Join them for a night of games, candy and fun!
- ✦ **October 31, 7 pm, Broad Street Books: Halloween Party.** If you are looking for a fun and safe place to celebrate Halloween, this is it!

Thanks...

- ✦ ...to Tanner's Creek Garden Center, for their generous sale of plants to our Fountain Park Adopt-A-Spot volunteers.
- ✦ ...to the staff and congregation of Port Norfolk Church on Mount Vernon Avenue, for providing hot meals and assistance during the days following Hurricane Isabel.
- ✦ ...to Pat and Ray Hudson and Florence and Grace Hood for your generous donations to Fountain Park. Thank you for helping to keep our park beautiful!

MUSIC IN THE PARK 2003

Port Norfolk's Fourth Annual Music in the Park went off with a bang! Over 800 people attended the event. This was an almost overwhelming task for the Park Committee, but they succeeded with the help of a wonderful team of individuals.

A special thanks goes out to Madalyn Grimes, who organized the food tent for the event. The success of Music in the Park lay in her hands and she did not let Port Norfolk down.

Thanks to all of the people who generously provided baked goods for the committee to sell. This was a great way to donate to the park.

Our appreciation also goes out to those who loaned us tents and equipment: Mark Cave, Alex Woodland of Port Norfolk Variety Store, Scott Bailey, Linwood Grimes, John Lifsey and Steve Dalhaus.

And to all of the volunteers that worked and fed all of the concert-goers — Steve, Connie and Lauren Dalhaus; Patsy and Cheryl Woodland; Charlie and Linda Tisdale; John, Tammy, Casey and Jackson Lifsey; Jennifer Hicks; Chuck Beeler; Linwood and Madalyn Grimes; Shannon Chance; Scott Bailey and Kirby, Deb and Jacob Foytik — a huge THANK YOU!!!

Got Submissions?

If you have a submission for November's *Porch Talk*, please send an e-mail to publicity@portnorfolk.org, or call Mandy Schuchhardt at 399-5649 no later than Monday, October 20.

RENOVATORS' CORNER



Last month's featured renovation was the lovely porch restoration at 503 Maryland Avenue. Here is a step-by-step guide to performing a similar renovation:

1. Secure approval from the Commission for Architectural Review (393-8836, ext. 4203), and obtain a building permit.
2. Install temporary roof supports for the porch roof and carefully remove porch rails and columns.
3. Remove old porch floor boards and framing (a major portion of the original porch was rotten).
4. Repair the brick foundation.
5. Reframe porch to current building codes, using all pressure treated framing lumber.
6. Obtain a framing inspection from Portsmouth Building Inspector Larry Dennis.
7. Install new tongue and groove floor boards, then trim the outside of the porch.
8. Rebuild the porch steps.
9. Reinstall the columns and handrails, after removing all old paint.
10. Paint the entire porch in accordance with Historical Society Standard Colors.

Homeowner Kelly Matteson was thrilled with the work provided by the following contractors: Bill Bailey and Hiram DeMontalvo of Handcrafted By Bill, Inc (474-1599); John Doe of New York Quality Masonry (938-9500); Dave Walker (397-5935) and Jerome Harris of Harris Paint (474-1320).

PORCH CHATTER

- ✦ Broad Street United Methodist is in need of candy for their Community Halloween Party. Please drop off donations of wrapped candy to the church office at 300 Broad Street during office hours (Monday-Friday, 9 am-3 pm).

N.E.A.T. OFFICER

Our NEAT officer is Rusty Venters. Please contact him if you see anything suspicious going on in Port Norfolk:

Cell: 393-8979

Pager: 661-4680

Work: 393-5427x1521



Port Norfolk Civic League Membership Form

Name(s): _____

Birthdate(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Park Donation: _____

Mail or take this form and \$5 for each new member to the Civic League meeting or to Chuck Beeler, 500 Mt. Vernon Ave., Portsmouth, VA, 23707. If you would like to make a donation to Fountain Park, please mail it to Port Norfolk Civic League, PO Box 7114, Portsmouth, VA, 23707. Please make checks payable to the Port Norfolk Civic League.