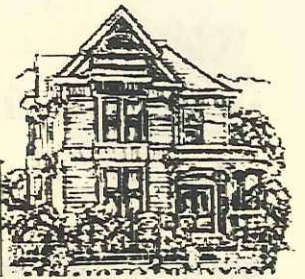
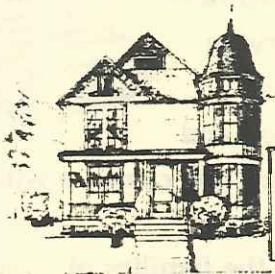


Porch Talk

December 2004



Port Norfolk Civic League

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The Port Norfolk Civic League wishes the Happiest and Safest of Holidays to all of our neighbors and their families!

December League Meeting

Our December meeting will be our annual pot luck holiday get together on December 2nd at 6:30pm. Just bring your favorite dish to share and come spend time with your neighbors before the hectic holiday rush takes over. The League will provide desert and beverages. League meetings are held the first Thursday of each month at the Port Norfolk Recreation Center at 432 Broad Street. Come out and share some holiday spirit as we welcome this festive time of the year!

December Birthdays

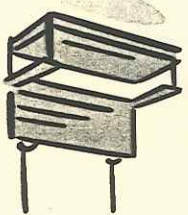
Wishing everyone who is celebrating their special day this month a very happy birthday....Steve Austin, Judy Harrell, Ben Hoofnagle, Louann Jones, Arthur Stephenson, Bill Tinsley, Jim Woodland, Walt Bell, Troy Johnson, Yvonne Lerner, Felicia Sawyer.



2004 Holiday Tour of Homes
in Historic Port Norfolk
Sunday, December 5th
3pm - 7pm

You are cordially invited to the most spectacular event in Port Norfolk. You can tour the inside of 6 beautiful historic homes right in your own neighborhood. Come see these finely decorated homes, a sample of the neighborhoods historic architecture, interiors and collections. Get in the holiday mood as the tour features music, and carriage rides. Enjoy a musical duet on the porch, or take a carriage ride in the neighborhood, and partake in the refreshments offered. Get ideas in seasonal decorating, interior arrangements and see examples of thoughtful renovations. Port Norfolk Baptist Church will be open for tours free of charge that day. Tickets, will be sold the day of the tour beginning at 2pm at Broad Street Books. \$12 per adult and half price for children 2-12. Advance tickets are available for \$10 at Broad Street Books, The Grape Arbor, High Street Landing Kiosk, Nearthebay, Sweet Temptations, Tulips, and Way Back Yonder Antiques.

This event is sponsored by the Port Norfolk Civic League. If you'd like more information, please contact Tammy Lifsey at 399-2383.



Porch Chatter

Congratulations to all of our winners during the recent pumpkin carving contest. Our judges had a great time roaming the neighborhood and seeing all of the creative designs you came up with!

Our sincerest condolences to the families of Diana Pluchinsky, Betty Blow, and Eldridge Vick. Our thoughts and especially prayers are with you during you during this difficult time.

HOT STONE THERAPY is coming to Village Hair Design and Massage. Come and experience the deeper state of relaxation the stones can give. Holiday specials on all services including 1 1/2 hour stone massage for \$70.00. Be good to yourself and call them at 399-1910.

Congratulations to our neighborhood NEAT officer Chris Gilmore and his wife on the recent birth of their new baby!

Do you have special traffic concerns now that the bypass is open and traffic patterns in Port Norfolk have changed? We are formulating a request to the city to add stop signs at intersections that are potentially dangerous and with the hope to slow traffic to a degree. If you have specific requests, contact John Lifsey at 399-2383. And please remember, the speed limit in our neighborhood is 25mph. Now that the majority of the traffic has been removed from our neighborhood and it's not as congested, it's easy to find ourselves going faster than we think we are. Lets make a conscious effort to respect the law AND our neighbors by observing the speed limit. We all deserve a neighborhood that is safe for all of us, especially the children!

Port Norfolk Email Distribution List

Would you like to receive email reminders about League meetings or other Port Norfolk Events and information? Go to our website at www.portnorfolk.org and register on the home page with your email address and you can receive these convenient reminders!

Yard of the Month
Our Yard of the Month judges take a break during the month of December in lieu of the Christmas Decorating Contest, but they will be back in January searching for another winner!!



Upcoming Events

The annual Port Norfolk Christmas Decorating Contest will take place on Saturday, December 4th. The judging will begin at 6:30pm. This year's contest will award a winner in each of five different categories: Best Door, Best Lighting Effect, Best Whimsical/Novelty, Best Traditional, and Best All Around. Judges will be non Port Norfolk residents and winners will have a sign placed in their yard and will receive a personalized certificate noting their award. Our contest is a little early this year to coincide with the Homes Tour, but there's still time to come up with your creative ideas and make Port Norfolk beautiful for this holiday season!

PROJECT WARM HEART

Port Norfolk Church is collecting new hats, gloves, socks, blankets, and toys to help the needs of local families in our area winter shelters. Items can be dropped off at 353 Mt Vernon Avenue between 10 and 12 on Mondays and Tuesdays or by appointment. Call Pastor Connie at 397-1588 for more information.

League Officers

The 2005 Civic League Officers will be sworn in at the January meeting. They are as follows: John Lifsey, President..Jon Berry, Vice President...Carolyn Wyatt, Treasurer...Susan Weaver, Corresponding Secretary..Mark DiVenuti, Recording Secretary. Contact information for each will be published in the January edition of Porch Talk. Congratulations and welcome to our new board members!

Port Norfolk Civic League Membership Form

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 Phone: _____
 Birthday Month(s): _____
 Park Donation: _____
 Email Address: _____

Mail or take this form and \$5 per member to Madalyn Grimes, 108 Florida Ave. Fountain Park donations should be mailed to Port Norfolk Civic League, PO Box 7114, Portsmouth, VA 23707.