

Porch Talk

April 2005



Port Norfolk Civic League

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Portsmouth, VA 23707

check out our neighborhood website: www.portnorfolk.org

"April is the promise that May is bound to keep"

April League Meeting

April's Civic League meeting will be held on Thursday, April 7th at 7:00pm. This month we welcome Cathy Warren from the Portsmouth Redevelopment and Housing Authority to speak at our meeting. Please bring your questions. As well, we'll have a raffle with the prize being the handy lawn and garden tool that our speaker from last month donated from Norfolk County Feed & Seed. Remember, League meetings are held the first Thursday of each month at the Port Norfolk Recreation Center at 432 Broad Street at 7:00PM.



April Birthdays

To all of our neighbors celebrating a birthday in April, we wish them the happiest of days... Mickey Wright, Sallie DiVenuti, Iris Gleason, Ray Hudson, John Lifsey, Bob Stoeffler, Robert Vaughan, Matt Glaubke, and Everett Smith. Want to ensure a special person's birthday is recognized in Porch Talk? Email publicity@portnorfolk.org and I'll be sure to include them in our monthly listing.

Events from Port Norfolk Baptist Church

April 16 9 AM - Noon Weekend Painters - Open to any artists and craftspersons who want 3 uninterrupted hours to work on their own special project.

April 17-20 Revival - "What Now America?" 11 AM and 7 PM on Sunday the 17th, and 7 PM on the 18th, 19th, 20th. Special Music each night.

May 7, 10-3 PM Port Norfolk Community Day - Health Fair, Red Cross Blood Drive, Flea Market. If any of our neighbors would like to rent a space in the Flea Market (church parking lot), the cost is \$10. Call the Church Office to reserve a space.

City Of Portsmouth Community Meeting

The next city sponsored community meeting will be held at Olive Branch Elementary School on May 17th at 7:00pm. All citizens are welcome to attend.



Fountain Park Community

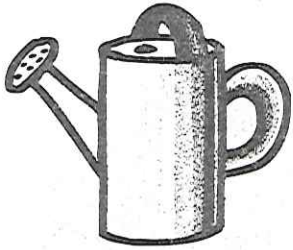
Work Weekend

We have some exciting additions coming to Fountain Park this month and the park committee needs your help. We will finally reach our goals for the park this month with the addition of the new fountain and several new park benches. We'll also be painting the roofs of the new picnic shelters and adopt a spot participants will be working their flower beds for the spring and summer. There is lots to do and we could sure use your help. If you can lend assistance any time during the weekend of April 22nd, 23rd, and 24th, please contact Debbie Foytik at 397-7164. We need assistance with the installation of the fountain and benches, painting, and just general help. The park committee has really worked hard to raise the funds for our new playground equipment and the new items being added this month. Lets all give them a hand as our goal for Fountain Park finally becomes a reality for the entire neighborhood to enjoy. Please volunteer any time that you can during this weekend. It will be appreciated by all!

Neighborhood Watch

Now is the Time!

With the recent interest in establishing a neighborhood watch program for Port Norfolk, a committee has been formed to gain additional support and determine if enough neighbors are willing to work with the effort to make it a possibility. The committee needs additional members and help to work with the Police dept and the neighborhood to make this work. If you can assist and would like to get involved, please either contact Steve Dalhaus at 398-8151 or go to the neighborhood website at portnorfolk.org. There you will find a document that will acquaint you with what is involved in participating in a neighborhood watch program and you can also sign up for the email list for neighborhood watch...Port Norfolk's very own "Crimewatch".



Port Norfolk's Yard of the Month

This month's award for yard of the month goes to our neighbors at 333 Maryland Avenue.

Congratulations and thank you for doing such a fine job at making Port Norfolk look beautiful!

League Membership

Is joining the Civic League something you've been meaning to do but just haven't gotten around to it? Remember, every month the form is printed in Portch Talk. Dues are only \$5 per person, per year. Why not take a few minutes while you're thinking about it and clip out the membership form and send it in.

Port Norfolk Email Board

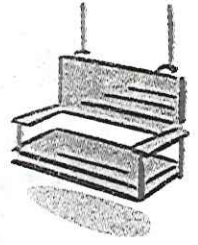
The email distribution list regarding neighborhood issues has been very active lately. There have been good discussions on crime, neighborhood watch, and of course reminders about meetings. Haven't signed up yet to receive these emails and the opportunity to join in on some of the discussions? Why not do it now? Just send an email to webmaster@portnorfolk.org and ask to be added. The level of communication lately has been great, and it's an awesome opportunity to get to know some of your neighbors!

CAR Meeting Deadlines

The May CAR (Commission for Architectural Review) meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 3rd. The application date for the meeting is one week prior on April 26th. Remember, you must have approval before doing any exterior work on you home. Contact Jocelyn Adumauh at 393-8836 ext. 4203. Often, Jocelyn can give administrative approval for your work depending upon the details of what it is you are planning to do, which would make gaining approval as simple as a phone call or a visit downtown. She can also advise if your request requires approval from the commission. It's always best to check first and ensure that you secure approval before proceeding with any work.

Porch Chatter

A big thank you to Walt Bell for donating the new American Flag for Fountain Park!!



Thank you to Aaron Leatherwood and Ray & Pat Hudson for your donations to Fountain Park!

Congratulations to James Sawyer for his work with the student UN, where the students are able to model examples from the actual United Nations.

Congratulations to Tyson and Jennifer Miller on the birth of their son.

Thank you to Bob Overbey of Heymer Roofing for donating the the brickwork around the Fountain site in the park!

Our condolences to the family of Raymond Davidson. Our thoughts and prayers go out to you during this difficult time. For those who aren't aware, Mr. Davidson and his late wife, Margaret owned and operated Grandma's Attic Antique Store, a former Port Norfolk business.

Spring is in the air! It's now time to weed and feed your lawn and add color to your yard and front porch. If you haven't already, it's also a good time to take down your Christmas decorations.

Port Norfolk Businesses Need You!

As warm weather approaches and you find yourself out for a walk, remember to stroll down to our very own business district and support the shops and restaurants there. We're lucky to have them and we want them to stay! This month, The Grape Arbor and Tulips invite you to stop by for a visit. Bring this in with you during the month of April and receive 10% off most items in stock and register for their free drawing of the month!

Neighborhood NEAT Officer

Mike Murphy is Port Norfolk's neighborhood NEAT Officer from the Portsmouth Police Department. Contact him to report any and all suspicious activity you observe. His cell number is 235-5492.

Port Norfolk Civic League Membership Form

Name: _____

Birthday Month(s): _____

Address: _____

Park Donation: _____

Phone: _____

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.