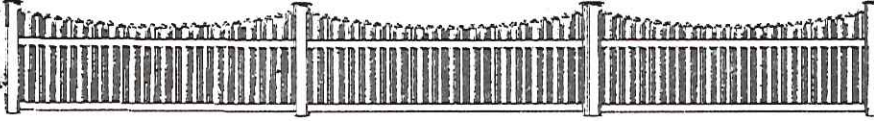


# Porch Talk

## November 2005



Port Norfolk Civic League

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## Happy Thanksgiving

### November League Meeting

Colonel Chris Connally of the Portsmouth Police Dept will be speaking on November 3rd about the safety of our community. We will also be electing officers for 2006. Nominations may take place from the floor prior to the vote. League meetings are held the first Thursday of each month at the Port Norfolk Recreation Center at 432 Broad Street. 7:00PM. Come out and support your League. We look forward to seeing you there!

### November Birthdays

Your editor slipped up this month and didn't have the updated membership list with him when Porch Talk went to print. This month's list was taken from last year's edition and any new members that are not recognized will be mentioned next month. My apologies! Best wishes going out to Ryan Brunsvold, Kenneth Caldwell, Christine Caldwell, David Chance, Nancy Ivy, Tammy Lifsey, Cheryl Powell, Michael Taylor, and Jana Young.

### Historic Port Norfolk Holiday Tour of Homes

Sunday, December 4th

This is your opportunity to take a peak inside some of the most breathtaking homes in Port Norfolk, dating back to 1889. Each is beautifully decorated for the holiday season. This will truly be an unforgettable evening you won't want to miss. After you tour the homes, consider dinner at one of our restaurants or take a carriage ride in a vintage horse drawn buggy. You may purchase tickets in advance at several Port Norfolk businesses or the High Street Landing Kiosk.

### Reflection Walk's "Journey to Awareness" Begins

The City has given its blessing to the Park Committee's efforts to revitalize the waterfront along Bayview Blvd. If you attended the August Civic League meeting, then you heard about Reflection Walk. The new park, overlooking the Elizabeth River will have an area that honors the families, friends, and caregivers whose lives have been touched by cancer. In honor of a survivor or someone dear to you that has been lost to cancer, engraved brick pavers may be purchased that will be placed in the memorial area at the end of Florida Avenue. The proceeds will help maintain the park and promote cancer awareness. There are two sizes of pavers available:

\$60 - 4" x 8" which contains up to 3 lines of text at 21 characters per line

\$125 - 8" x 8" which contains up to 5 lines of text at 21 characters per line

In Memory of  
My Friend  
Jane Doe

In Honor of  
a Strong Lady,  
a Fighter, and a  
2 Time Survivor  
Jane Doe

If you would like to honor someone in Reflection Walk with one of the engraved pavers, contact Debbie Foytik at 397-7164. The pavers will be ordered and placed in the new park twice a year in the spring and fall.



### Port Norfolk's Yard of the Month

The yard of the month award is on hiatus. Unfortunately our sign has been stolen. Please keep your eyes open

for it and call John Lifsey at 399-2383 if you have seen it. We'd just like to have it back. A volunteer's time and effort went it to painting it for your League.

### CAR Meeting Deadlines

The December CAR (Commission for Architectural Review) meeting will be held on Tuesday, Dec 6th. The application date for the meeting is one week prior on November 29th. Port Norfolk is a historic district and CAR, which is a city appointed committee, works with homeowners to offer guidance and resources to assist with your work while retaining the architectural integrity of our neighborhood. Some work or changes may even qualify for administrative approval via phone by contacting Jocelyn Adumauh at 393-8836 ext. 4203. She can assist you with questions and letting you know whether the work you're planning requires committee review or not.

### Welcome Back to Officer Chris Gilmore!

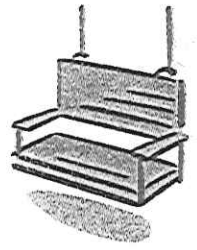
Chris Gilmore has returned as Port Norfolk's permanent NEAT Officer. We are thrilled to have Chris back and he is already working on some of our issues in the neighborhood. Chris has always been responsive and taken a genuine interest in Port Norfolk. If you need to reach him, his cell phone number is 235-5655. Again, welcome back Chris!!!

### Port Norfolk Dog Park

Speaking of parks....a portion of land at the old Port Norfolk Elementary School has been set aside by the City to form a dog park where neighbors can bring their dogs to run and play. This is an exciting addition to our neighborhood. If you'd like to participate in planning the park, please contact Vickie Tabor at 399-2477 or via email at vrtabor@aol.com. There is a planning meeting scheduled for November 9th at 6:00pm at Casey's Animal Hospital on Airline Blvd. Any help (big or small) is welcome!

### Porch Chatter

Thank you to everyone who participated in the annual pumpkin carving contest. We had some great creations out there and our judges had a great time checking them all out!



If you would like to volunteer to be a host at one of the homes on this year's holiday homes tour, please contact Tammy Lifsey at 399-2383. This is a great way to meet your neighbors and get a fantastic look at the homes on tour!

Remember that commercial vehicles over 6' tall may not be parked in the neighborhood overnight by city ordinance.

Parking vehicles on the grass or in your yard where an approved curb cut does not exist is against city code. Please be aware of how this looks to your neighbors.

### Holiday Decorating Contest

This year's decorating contest will be held on the evening of Saturday, December 3rd, in conjunction with the Homes Tour the following day. Our judges, who are from outside of the neighborhood, will be roaming our streets checking out all of the beautiful and creative decorations that Port Norfolk is known for. The winners will be recognized in the January edition of Porch Talk. Start thinking about your ideas now!

### Attention Photographers!

We are putting together Port Norfolk's first calendar. Each month will feature exceptional pictures of our beautiful neighborhood and homes. The calendars will be sold at this year's Christmas Homes Tour. If you have any great shots of your house or other interesting ones of the neighborhood, please contact Judy Higgins at 399-4122 or Jennifer Miller at 397-7671. Submissions must be received by November 10, 2005. Each photograph used will include a title and the photophragers name. We are so excited to showcase our neighborhood and create a great gift that can be given to friends and family!

#### 2005 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.