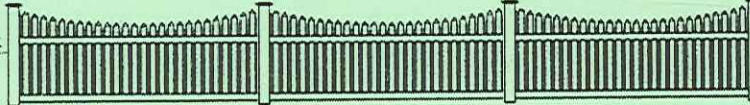
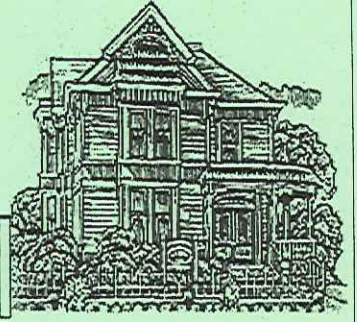


Porch Talk

March 2006



Port Norfolk Civic League, P.O. Box 7114, Portsmouth, VA 23707

Check out our neighborhood website at www.portnorfolk.org

League Meetings

- March 2, 2006 at 7:00 PM
- April 6, 2006 at 7:00 PM

CAR Deadlines

April:

- App Due: 3/28/06
- Meeting: 4/4/06

May:

- App Due: 4/25/06
- Meeting: 5/2/06

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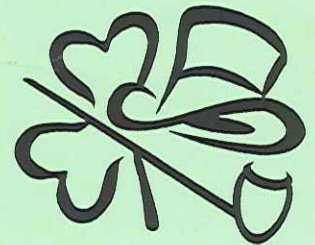
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March League News

League Meeting

Mark your calendars for this month's League meeting on **Thursday, March 2 at 7:00 PM**. Monthly meetings are held in the Port Norfolk Recreation Center at 432 Broad Street.

Our guest speaker will be an organic food specialist eager to educate you on all the benefits of eating organic. What exactly is organic food? Is it really healthier? Those questions and more will be answered at this month's Civic League meeting. As an extra treat, organic snacks will be provided for you to sample. Come out and bring your neighbors!



Volunteer Needed

We all enjoy reading Porch Talk every month and here's a great opportunity to get involved in the neighborhood. We are looking for a volunteer to coordinate delivery of Porch Talk. This person would be responsible for coordinating the carriers who deliver Porch Talk each month. If you are interested, please contact Jennifer Miller at 397.7671.

Get in the Loop

Have a question about gardening or a tricky do-it-yourself project? Why not ask your neighbors right here in Port Norfolk? Every day we see neighbors communicating on topics from missing pets to finding walking partners, from new neighbor introductions to help with weekend projects. If you would like to communicate with your neighbors sign up for the Port Norfolk Neighborhood E-news on our neighborhood website at www.portnorfolk.org.

Thank You

Thank you to Royal Printing, located on High Street, for their assistance in the printing of Porch Talk. If you are in need of printing services, stop by Royal Printing and support a local Portsmouth business.

Community Activities

Renovate Portsmouth

Port Norfolk Civic League is sponsoring the 2nd Annual Renovate Portsmouth Home Show on **Saturday, March 18 from 10 AM to 4 PM** at I.C. Norcom High School. **Admission is free** and there will be exhibits, training classes, demonstrations, door prizes and much more! Learn about products and materials that can be used for the renovation of historic homes. Come out and support this event that encourages historic preservation.

Broad Street United Methodist Church

Ash Wednesday service in the Sanctuary — Wednesday, March 1 at 7 PM

Potluck Dinner and old-fashioned Cake Walk as well as Best Spring Hat contest — Saturday, March 25 at 5:30 PM in the Social Hall

Portsmouth City Dog Park Fundraising Events

The following events will be held at the Portsmouth/Chesapeake Elks Lodge #82 at 2541 Gum Road, Chesapeake in order to raise money for the Dog Park. Please contact Vickie Tabor at 403.6260 for questions, directions and additional information.

- Tupperware Party, Saturday, March 11 from 11 AM — 2 PM
- Pet Scrapbooking, Saturday, March 25 from 11 AM — 3 PM (cost: \$5.00)

2006 Port Norfolk Civic League Form

Name: _____

Birthday Month(s): _____

Address: _____

Park Donation: _____

Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Mail or take this form to Madalyn Grimes @ 108 Florida Ave.

Park News

Thank you to Eric and Sarah Wilson, Denise Becker and Steve and Tina Goodman for their generous donations to Reflection Walk. Also, thank you to Michael Mahlmann for his donation of a Virginia state flag and Walt Bell for his donation of an American flag. Both will be flown in Fountain Park. Your neighbors appreciate your contributions to Port Norfolk.



Reflection Walk

Be sure to mark your calendars for June 3 at 10:30 AM for the dedication ceremony of Reflection Walk. If you are interested in purchasing a brick to honor a loved one who has been touched by cancer, contact Debbie Foytik at 397.7164 or visit our website at www.portnorfolk.org. Bricks must be purchased by April 1 in order to be in place for the spring dedication ceremony.

Porch Chatter

Yard of the Month — Back by popular demand...it's Yard of the Month. This month's award goes to 209 Mt. Vernon. Your colorful landscape is a tiny peek into the promise of Spring. Congratulations!

Wishing everyone who celebrates a birthday in March a very special day...Trisha Byme, Steve Connally, Sydni Connally, Harry Costello, Harry DeHart, Mark DiVenuti, Jane Eure, Sherry Frink, Gloria Funkhouser, Tracey Kroger, Joan Merritt, Bill Skillman, Barbara Smith, Stan Wright. Birthdays are obtained from the League membership list. If you have someone who's special day you'd like to recognize, email publicity@portnorfolk.com.



Neat Officer — Welcome back Officer Chris Gilmore. He can be reached on his cell at 235.5655.

Congratulations to Kasey Lifsey, Jordan Cabacar and Haley Bradshaw for being inducted into the National Junior Honor Society at Churchland Middle School. Way to go!!!

Get Well Soon — We wish Madalyn Grimes a speedy recovery from her surgery.

Friendly Reminders — Please do not put items for bulk pick up out on the curb until Thursday evening. Do not dump trash in Fountain Park as we work very hard to keep the park clean. Please pick up after your dog, especially in your neighbor's yards and on the waterfront.

Commercial vehicles are allowed in Port Norfolk. However, only one vehicle is allowed per address and it must be parked on pavement, either beside or behind your home.

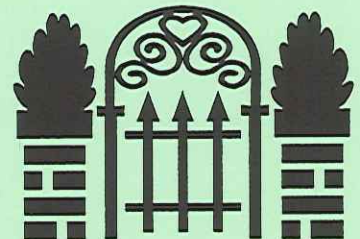
Port Norfolk's new Environmental Inspector is Beth Whitley. She can be reached on her cell at 235.5470 or via email at whitleyb@portsmouthva.gov.

Our condolences go out to the families of George Thomas Wyatt, Senior, of Broad Street and Annie Elizabeth Lewis of Broad Street. Our prayers are with you during this time of loss.

Commission for Architectural Review (CAR)

It has been noted that a business is going through the neighborhood informing residents that certain materials have been approved for use on homes within Port Norfolk. However, not all businesses are aware of our historic guidelines, so make sure to obtain approval from CAR before making any exterior renovations to your home.

The April CAR meeting will be held on **Tuesday, April 4**. The application deadline is Tuesday, March 28. As a reminder, Port Norfolk is an historic district and CAR, which is a city-appointed committee, works with homeowners to offer guidance and resources to assist with and approve exterior home renovations and improvements while retaining the architectural integrity of our neighborhood.



Even though these requirements sometimes seem burdensome, because we reside in a designated historic district, if the guidelines, set by the city of Portsmouth, are not adhered to we will lose our historic designation. This designation is one of the factors that makes our neighborhood unique and our homes valuable. Some work or changes may even qualify for administrative approval over the phone by contacting Jocelyn Admulah at 393-8836 x4203. She can assist you with questions and let you know if the work you are planning requires CAR approval.