



PORCH TALK



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JANUARY LEAGUE NEWS



Note from the President:

I want to take this time to thank all the Civic League Officers and Committee Chairpersons for all they have accomplished this past year. I also want to thank all the Port Norfolk Civic League Members for their support and participation in the monthly meetings. Yvonne and I want to wish you all a safe and Happy New Year.

During this new year let us honor and remember those who have sacrificed their lives so that others can live in peace and freedom.

—Phillip DeSiano, President
Port Norfolk Civic League

Time to Re-New Civic League Membership for 2010

Benefits of Joining:

- Your membership in the league empowers Port Norfolk to be a strong voice within the city regarding issues and events that impact our neighborhood.
- Guarantees your vote on issues that are brought before the neighborhood.
- Meet and greet your neighbors at the monthly meetings.

The membership dues assist with funding of League events and the printing of Porch Talk.

League dues are only \$5.00 per person for the year.

Please consider joining now!

**Port Norfolk's NEAT Officer is Portsmouth's Top Cop, Chris Gilmore. Please contact him if you see anything suspicious happening in the neighborhood.
757-235-5655**

For Board member email addresses, visit our website at www.portnorfolk.org



Civic League Meeting

The next Civic League meeting is scheduled for:

**Thursday
January 7th
7:00 pm**

Monthly meetings are held in the Port Norfolk Recreation Center at 432 Broad Street.

Board Officers for 2010 will be sworn in:

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Birthdays

Wishing everyone who celebrates a birthday in January an amazing day . . . Julia Berry, Coralie Fagan, Debbie Foytik, Margaret Gaudry, Rose Harris, John Higgins, Vonzola Jenkins, Casey Lifsey, Jackson Lifsey, Mike Murza, Lauren Sinclair, and Scott Young. 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.



In Deepest Sympathy

Our condolences to the families of Jacqueline D. Johnson, Winston A. Sprull, Jr., Ethel Virginia Souch, Clonie L. Maddrey, and Elijah J. Allen, Jr. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Preservation Corner

A monthly guideline designed to help preserve the historic homes and buildings in the Port Norfolk Historic District.

"PLANTINGS AND TREES"

"The character of the landscape and accompanying plantings contribute to the identity of the historic district. Street trees in planning strips, between the front of the house lots and the street, provide a unified planting scheme for the Port Norfolk neighborhood. Avoid planting large trees or large planting areas in the small front yard section of the lot. Do not allow foundation plantings to grow out of scale with existing front porches. Do not replace grass in front yards with paving or gravel. Do not park vehicles in the front yard."

Reference: Port Norfolk Historic District Design Guidelines, Section V, paragraph F. Guidelines may be purchased from the City Planning Department or viewed/downloaded at www.portsmouthva.gov.

A Certificate of Appropriateness is required from the HPC before conducting most exterior alterations.

Please contact the planning office prior to doing any work which is visible from a public right-of-way. This includes both the house and yard!

If you have historical or code guideline questions/concerns please call: (757) 393-8836.

Non compliance penalties include-corrective action and/or fines.

Authority:
Portsmouth Historic Preservation Commission (HPC)

2009 Holiday Tour of Homes

The Tour was held on Sunday, December 6th. The weather was cold, but sunny and beautiful. If you didn't make the tour, you missed a good one. All of the homes were beautifully decorated. All three of Port Norfolk churches participated in the tour this year. Orchestrating a tour of this magnitude would not be possible without the help of many volunteers. So I'd like to thank the following for a job well done, and for supporting your neighborhood!

Homeowners and Churches on Tour: Harry DeHart, 551 Florida Ave; Yvonne & Doug Brawley, 143 Florida Ave; Luanne & Robert Jackson, 120 Mt. Vernon Ave; and Yvonne & Philip DeSiano, 400 Florida Ave; Broad Street United Methodist Church, Pastor Brown, 300 Broad Street; Port Norfolk Pentecostal Assembly, Pastor Shoemaker, 355 Mt. Vernon Ave; Port Norfolk Baptist Church, Pastor Taylor, 401 Broad Street. Host/Hostess: Homeowner family members; Judy Higgins; Pat Pfeiffer; Tammy Lifsey; Brenda Norton; and church members of each church. Musical Coordinator: Liz Schuller. Advertising/Sign Assistance: Philip DeSiano. Ticket Sales: Madalyn Grimes, Carolyn Wyatt, John Lifsey, & personnel from Village Hair Design, Lofty Bean, & Pizza Box. Refreshments Coordinator: Liz Schuller. Photography: Deb Foytik.

Planning for next year's 2010 Holiday Tour of Homes is already underway. So if you couldn't help this year, we're asking for your assistance for next year's tour. If you would like to help or consider putting your house on tour, we'd love to have you! Please call, Yvonne Lerner-DeSiano, 399-7526. Or if you have any ideas on ways we can improve the tour, call Yvonne.

R. Yvonne Lerner-DeSiano, Chairman,
Holiday Tour of Homes

Yard of the Month!



Home Decorating Contest Winners

Congratulations to the five winners: 152 Florida Avenue, 120 Mt. Vernon, 123 Broad Street, 257 Maryland, and 404 Maryland.

It's Girl Scout Cookie Time!

Clean out your cupboards and freezers because the annual Girl Scout Cookie Sale begins Saturday, January 9th. Get your favorite cookie treats and help local Girl Scouts become leaders. Look for Girl Scouts selling cookies in your neighborhood starting January 9th or e-mail us at girlscouts969@yahoo.com to order your cookies.



2010 Port Norfolk Civic League Membership Form

Name: _____

Birthday Month(s): _____

Address: _____

Park Donation: _____

Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Mail or take this form with \$5.00 for each membership to Gail Hoofangle at 2919 Adriatic.
Park donations should be mailed to Port Norfolk Civic League, P.O. Box 7114, Portsmouth VA 23707.