



# PORCH TALK



May 2011

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

## Board Contacts

**President:**  
Dorothy Parker  
399-1498

**Vice-President:**  
Stephanie Herman  
637-0081

**Treasurer:**  
Carolyn Wyatt  
399-3754

**Recording Secretary:**  
Sarah Wilson  
392-0312

**Corresponding Secretary:**  
OPEN

**CAR/Stabilization:**  
John Lifsey  
399-2383

**Environmental:**  
Coralie Fagan  
610-6397

**Homes Tour:**  
Yvonne DeSiano  
399-7526

**Membership:**  
Gail Hoofnagle  
397-2730

**Parks & Recreation:**  
Heather McVey  
748-9007

**Publicity/Porch Talk:**  
Sharon Rich  
392-2274

**Ways and Means:**  
Amy O'Donnell  
739-6433

**Webmaster:**  
Randy Smith  
webmaster@portnorfolk.org

**Welcoming:**  
Erika Nestler  
399-4262

## Civic League Meeting

Port Norfolk Recreation Center at 432 Broad Street

**Thursday May 5, 2011 7:00 pm**

Our May Speaker is from the Portsmouth Sheriff's Office. The Sheriff's Office provides the community a wide variety of services and programs including [Crime Prevention](#), [Ident -A-Kid](#), [Elder Watch](#) and many others. Come hear about what they can do for you!

*(Babysitters are available at meetings; please feel free to bring your children with you!)*

## Upcoming Civic League Events

Participation isn't limited to League members ... Please join us!

### PoNo Road Show: May 21<sup>st</sup> 7:30am - 12:30pm

Where? The Rec Center Parking lot, located at 432 Broad Street in Historic Port Norfolk! Ever wondered what that old brass pitcher you got from Grandma Maude is really worth? Come on down to the PoNo Road Show and find out! For a \$5.00 (per item) donation a certified appraiser will tell you if your loot is trash or treasure! This family friendly event will feature arts and crafts vendors, as well as flea market booths. Please call Amy O'Donnell (739-6433) if you are interested in booth space to sell your wares!



### Port Norfolk Spring Sprung Flower Sale!

Sunday May 1st, 1-4pm and Saturday May 7th, 8-12pm at Fountain Park. Pick up your preordered plants, or visit us at the park to buy available varieties. Call Randy Smith with questions or orders: 739-4739.



### Derby Day Hat Contest!

Come to the May Civic League Meeting wearing your best Kentucky Derby Day Hat! We'll have a contest with prizes for the best in show! We are also having a deviled egg tasting. Feel free to bring your eggs for sampling, or just come prepared to do the sampling on the best of the best deviled eggs that your neighbors have brought!

### Thanks to all Earth Day Clean-up volunteers!

On Saturday April 23rd, 13 residents joined in to clean up neighborhood streets, beach front and creek beds. More than 3.5 truckloads of trash was collected. Nice work everyone – your efforts are greatly appreciated!



**Clean the Bay Day:** Our next Community Clean-up will be June 4th from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Please plan to join us and help keep our neighborhood beautiful!

### Port Norfolk Fall Mulch Drive:

Watch our website and future issues of Porch Talk for updates!

**The 1st Annual Porch Party** was a whole lot of fun! For those of you who missed out, we are considering doing another in the Fall, depending on interest. A big thank you to all who participated!

**IN AN EMERGENCY— PLEASE CALL 911.**

**Port Norfolk's new NEAT Officer is Kelly Funkhouser. Please contact her if you see anything suspicious happening in the neighborhood: (757) 235-5665**

For Board member email addresses, visit our website at [www.portnorfolk.org](http://www.portnorfolk.org)

# 2011 Port Norfolk Civic League Membership Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthday Month(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Park Donation: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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

## Birthdays

Wishing everyone who celebrates a birthday in May a very happy day!



*Philip Desiano, David Dodd, Amie Graham,  
Gail Hoofnagle, Ethel Marceau, Dorothy Parker,  
Carolyn Wyatt and Richard Smothers*

Birthdays are obtained from the League membership list. If you would like to recognize someone's special day, please email porchtalk@portnorfolk.com

## Positive Thoughts

Pastor Connie Shoemaker, get well soon!

## Heartfelt Appreciation

We would like to thank the following people for their very generous donations to the Civic League & Port Norfolk's neighborhood Parks fund:

- \* Lewis Thomas
- \* Mary Curro

## Portsmouth Walks Update

The Walking Routes have been chosen and the map is posted online. The next meeting is at 6:30pm on May 19th at the Port Norfolk Baptist Church on 401 Broad Street. This meeting will cover safety concerns. Please plan to attend. Until then, for all of the details, please go to our website: PortNorfolk.org

## Bake Sale

We are having a bake sale at the PoNo Roadshow at the Rec Center on May 21st, 7:30-12:30 and we are accepting donations! Proceeds from the bake sale will benefit the Port Norfolk Civic League, and will go toward printing Porch Talk, as well as other neighborhood activities.

## Take A Gamble ... Come to a Civic League Meeting!

50/50 Raffle now held at league meetings. Come win some money!

## WANTED: Local Crafters

The PoNo Road Show is Saturday, May 21st and we are looking for local crafters who want booth spaces. Spaces are first come/first serve and a bargain at only \$20.00 per space! For more information, please contact Amy O'Donnell at 739-6433

## Baby Talk

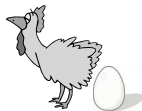
The Civic League is looking for a babysitter for league meetings, the 1st Thursday of every month from 7:00 to 8:30/9:00pm. We will pay you for your time! For more info, please contact Sarah Wilson: 392-0312

## Around the Park ...

Parents & Kids: Every Sunday at 4:00pm in Fountain Park, we will be meeting to have fun! Bring your bats and balls, croquet and horseshoes. Come make some new friends, and play with those you already know!

## The Chicken or The Egg? How about both!

Sarah Wilson's house, 459 Douglas Avenue, is now a pick-up location for locally grown, natural and antibiotic free, pasture raised chicken products and fresh eggs. Please go here to order: [www.rbefarm.com](http://www.rbefarm.com)



## Historic Port Norfolk Neighborhood Pride

We are looking for photos of your historic home, or of the neighborhood in general. We are a historic neighborhood on the National Register of Historic Places, but there are very few photos of our homes in existence, so in order to correct that, we are looking to gather photos that we can post, along with descriptions, of our unique and charming homes! Please feel free to forward any pictures you may have. Also, we will be coming around, taking pictures of your home, so don't be surprised if you see one of us trying to catch your home in its best light! We welcome any photos that you may already have that show off the character of your home!

## Looking for a few good people!

Here's an opportunity for adults/teenagers/college students to gain community service experience to add to resumes, job and/or college applications. Our Civic League will provide certificates/letters of reference/verification! Call Heather at 748-9007 or email [heathermcvey@kw.com](mailto:heathermcvey@kw.com) to sign up for one of the following:

- \* **ADOPT A POT:** We need residents to adopt 2 pots at reflection walk
- \* **KICKBALL FACILITATOR:** To lead/organize neighborhood kickball and play dates Sundays at 4pm
- \* **PHOTOGRAPHER-** Take pictures at community events and projects

## Pennies for Safety

Keep your porch light on, all night, every night! It only costs pennies, but is priceless as a crime deterrent! Also, remove temptation by locking your car and taking valuables out.

## Former Port Norfolk Elementary School Site Update:

The developer has returned the revised Sales and Development Agreement to Portsmouth's Economic Development Authority (EDA), but it has changed substantially. The developer is proposing to build a tidal wetlands bank on a large portion of the 7 acre parcel, along with 11 homes on the higher ground bordering the Lake Shores properties.

The revised agreement will go to City Council on May 10th for a decision about whether to sell the property or not. While the creation of wetlands could be beneficial to help with the current flooding problem experienced by those who live close to the site, building more houses is not.

Please see the News tab of the [PortNorfolk.org](http://PortNorfolk.org) website for more information.

## Missing Your Porch Talk?

Good news, the issues are online! If the wind happens to carry away your Porch Talk, please go online to view it: [www.portnorfolk.org](http://www.portnorfolk.org).

## Porch Talk Classified Ads

For complete advertising information, as well as special limited time pricing offers, please visit our website: [www.portnorfolk.org](http://www.portnorfolk.org)

*A business card ad costs only \$35.00 for one month!*

*A text classified ad—maximum 4 line ad—is only \$10.00!*

# Happy Mothers Day!

## PORCH TALK—MAY 2011

PORT NORFOLK CIVIC LEAGUE  
[porchtalk@portnorfolk.org](mailto:porchtalk@portnorfolk.org)