



PORCH TALK



June 2011

Happy Father's Day!

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Civic League Meeting

Port Norfolk Recreation Center at 432 Broad Street

Thursday June 2, 2011 7:00 pm

Our June Speaker is Robin Dunbar from the Elizabeth River Project. She is going to talk about the River Homes Project and the Learning Barge. Come hear about the wonderful things they are doing in our Community!

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

Civic League News & Events

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

Summer Field Day!

July 10th at 3pm - Mark your calendars and plan to celebrate summer with your neighbors, field day style! And let's not forget the BBQ! We will have traditional fun and games for the whole community to enjoy! Check our website for more details: www.portnorfolk.org

Looking for some input!

Suggestions needed on how to make to make the Riverfront more Kayak Friendly (ie. signage, parking, access, regulations, etc.) Please give us your input on the Port Norfolk Facebook page or email HeatherMcVey@kw.com.

Neighborhood Watch

Interested in decreasing crime in Port Norfolk? Come talk with neighbors about starting a Neighborhood Watch program! Benefits include decreased crime and increased safety and property values. Anyone who's interested can be involved. We only need 15% involvement to get started. If you are interested, please attend the June 2nd meeting. Call Sarah Wilson 392-0312 for more info. Or visit portnorfolk.org to view the Neighborhood Watch Manual and read more about this program. Please print out a copy of the manual and bring to the meeting.

Port Norfolk Fall Mulch Drive:

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

Walking by Reflection Walk?

Bring your watering cans occasionally to help your neighbors water the pots at the Riverfront. Because they get full sun, it's difficult to keep the plants vibrant. Thanks again to the many neighbors who volunteered to adopt and care for these pots!

The Port Norfolk Flower Sale was a big hit and a complete sell-out! Thank you, Randy Smith, for heading this up and for picking out some lovely floral varieties; the marigolds were truly magnificent!

A Successful PoNo Road Show! The PoNo Roadshow was held on May 21st and raised almost \$500 for the League and H.E.R. Shelter. Appraiser Lindsey Jones didn't disappoint with his detailed and informative analysis. He appraised many neat items including a ukulele, German silver opera glasses, old books, decorative sconces and more. Several people were *extremely* happy and surprised to find out the estimated worth of their pieces! Thanks to Lindsey, the Port Norfolk Baptist Church, the Portsmouth Humane Society, Officer Funkhouser and all volunteers for this event. We'll do it bigger and better next year on the 2nd weekend of May. See you then!

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

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 June a very happy day!



Lenora Morlino, Sandy Rich, Connie Shoemaker and Lewis Thomas

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, we're sending get well thoughts your way!

Heartfelt Appreciation

We would like to thank the Pat Mullins for a very generous donation to the Civic League & Port Norfolk's neighborhood Parks fund!

Congratulations, Graduates!

Port Norfolk Neighborhood graduates, congratulations on your achievements! May you go far in life and make everyone even more proud of you!



Ice Cream Truck Safety Tips

With summer comes ice cream trucks! Drivers, please keep our neighborhood kids safe by observing the same respect you'd give to a school bus. We've already had two neighborhood children struck by vehicles and we don't need any more!

Parents, talk to your kids about being safe around the trucks. Here are some good general rules:

- *When the ice cream truck visits our street remember to WALK, don't run, when approaching or leaving the ice cream truck.*
- *Look both ways before crossing the street.*
- *Cross at the rear of the vehicle.*
- *Don't ever get into or onto an ice cream truck.*

No Need for Speed in Po No



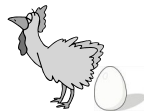
Summer is here and that means more kids and residents are enjoying the outdoors. We all need to watch out for each other and slow down for safety! Traffic division officers have alerted us that they will be out in full force around Port Norfolk this summer. They said they've observed a big uptick in reckless driving lately and will be ticketing all speeders.

Treasure Hunters Yard Sale!

On Saturday, June 11th, 8am to 1pm, Broad Street United Methodist Church will be holding a Church Wide Yard Sale in historic Port Norfolk at 300 Broad Street. Come early to find the best treasures!

The Chicken AND The Egg!

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



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.

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!

Volunteers Needed!

- * **ADOPT A BED:** We need residents to adopt 2 flower beds at Fountain Park!
- * **KICKBALL FACILITATOR:** To lead/organize neighborhood kickball and play dates Sundays at 4pm
- * **PHOTOGRAPHER-** Take pictures at community events and projects

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!

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. Even better, on June 2nd join the group to organize a neighborhood watch! It's FREE!

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 was to go to City Council on May 24th for a final 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 website for more information.

Porch Talk Classified Ads

For complete advertising information, as well as special limited time pricing offers, please visit our website: 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!