



# PORCH TALK



July 2011

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

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## Next Civic League Meeting

Port Norfolk Recreation Center at 432 Broad Street

— No July Meeting! —

Thursday August 4, 2011 7:00 pm

*(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 Celebration!

Sunday, July 10th at 3pm in Fountain Park - Mark your calendars and make a plan to celebrate summer with your neighbors, field day style! We will have traditional fun and games for the whole community to enjoy! Among other things expect to see favorites like Bocci Ball, Cornhole, 3-legged races, egg tosses, a bike pageant & rodeo, and much more! Bring your own chair and favorite beverage, and prepare to celebrate summer in style! Food will be provided. All we need is YOU! Bring your family and friends and prepare to have a great time!



Check our website for more details: [www.portnorfolk.org](http://www.portnorfolk.org)

### Neighborhood Watch

Interested in decreasing crime in Port Norfolk? Come talk with neighbors about a Neighborhood Watch program! Benefits include decreased crime and increased safety and property values. Anyone who's interested can be involved. We need 35% involvement (not 15% as the manual says) to get a program recognized by the City. Thank you to all of the neighbors who are currently working on launching a Neighborhood Watch program! But, we need more neighborhood participation. If you are interested, call Sarah Wilson 392-0312 or email [sbwilson@rockbridge.net](mailto:sbwilson@rockbridge.net).

### Port Norfolk Fall Mulch Drive:

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

### Holiday Tour of Historic Homes:

We are looking for houses to add to the 2011 line-up of gorgeous homes that will be decorated and open for visitors who eagerly anticipate this annual event! In addition to homes, we are also looking for elves to help with this very important and prestigious event! For more information, please visit our website and fill out a contact form if you'd like to volunteer your house or your time.

**IN AN EMERGENCY— PLEASE CALL 911.**

**Port Norfolk's 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 July a very happy day!



*Sandra Bailey, Ralph Batten, Walter Bell, Mary Curro, Kimberly Deerfield, Alton Harris, Stephanie Herman, Amy O'Donnell, Shelia Peacock, Sharon Rich, Franklin Williams and Blair Young*

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

## 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.

## 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](mailto:HeatherMcVey@kw.com).

## 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](http://www.rbefarm.com)



## 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!

## Beauty

Anna Wilson, who will be 6 years old this month, is now taking appointments to polish nails, "do" hair, and apply makeup. If you are interested in seeing Anna for a salon treatment, call 392-0312. Any age client welcome. Cost= free.

## 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 City Council approved the contract set forth by the EDA. The next EDA meeting is June 21. The ad hoc committee hopes to continue to monitor the plans and process concerning the development of the former Port Norfolk Elementary School site.

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!*

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