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Next Civic League Meeting

Port Norfolk Recreation Center at 432 Broad Street

Thursday October 6, 2011 7:00 pm

Our speaker at this meeting is Nora Chivers from VDOT. She will be discussing the MLK extension and the plans for an additional tube on the Midtown Tunnel.

(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!

Clean the Waterway Day on Saturday, October 15th!

Come join your neighbors as we all pitch in to clean up our waterway, as part of the Save the Bay initiative, and in preparation for the little trick or treaters Halloween parade festivities at Reflection Walk! See our website for more information: portnorfolk.org



The Rodeo is Coming to Port Norfolk on Saturday, November 5th!

Healthy Portsmouth & Port Norfolk Civic League have teamed up to bring you a fantastic fall event! Our Recreation Chairperson, Heather McVey, is kicking things off with the "Get Off Your Hide and Ride Bike Rodeo and Chili Cook-off." This community event will be an opportunity for friends and family, kids and adults to go out and have FUN. This will also be an opportunity to spotlight the *Portsmouth Walks* project and what's been happening in this neighborhood.

As a part of this day, we plan to have a brief opening ceremony and invite city leaders, as well as, a representative from the **Healthy Portsmouth** initiative to talk about steps they taking to improve the health and well-being of Portsmouth residents. *Portsmouth Walks* is just one of the projects that are a part of this initiative, and we are very thankful the residents of Port Norfolk, especially the civic league, have supported this project so we want EVERYONE in Portsmouth to know what's happening in Port Norfolk. Please visit our website for the full list of activities planned for this day of fun that you will not want to miss!

Holiday Tour of Historic Homes:

Our sincere thanks to all who have agreed to open their homes for the 2011 Holiday Tour of Homes! A list of homes will be announced soon. This year's tour will be held on Sunday, December 4, 2011, 3-7pm. Advance ticket price is \$12.00. Tickets will go on sale November 4, 2011 and may be purchased at the Fall Festival, during the November Civic League meeting, at the Village Hair Design and Pizza Box, located in Port Norfolk and Kitchen Koop and Anderson-Wright Garden and Rooms in Olde Towne Portsmouth.

We still need an army of elves to help support this wonderful event! Please go to our website for further information, or come to the October League meeting and speak with Yvonne DeSiano. She can also be reached via phone or email: (757) 399-7526 or dcandoco1@cox.net. Check our website for more information!

EMERGENCIES — PLEASE CALL 911. Non Emergencies: 393-5300
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

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 celebrated a birthday in September a very happy belated birthday, and those of you born in October, a very happy day!



*Sept: Olivia Boyette, Tom Getz, Matthew Hartsell,
Pat Mullins, Jim Windley and Shelley Wynn.*

*Oct: Michael Boyette, David O'Donnell, Joanne Rowe,
Liz Schuller, Boots Strange and Connie Wynn*

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

Thank You!

Our sincere thanks to Eric and Kelly Keiser for their donation to the Parks fund.

2011 National Night Out

The Portsmouth Police Dept. has finalized the National Night Out Motorcade route. Please visit our website to view and download a copy of the map.

Foodbank of Southeastern Virginia Needs Your Help!

Please donate non-perishable food items to a local Foodbank drop site like the WALGREENS at 5917 High Street or donate money if you are able. For every \$1 donated they can distribute approximately three meals to those in need.



Please take a moment Participate in their Paper Plate Campaign:

Fill out a paper plate and share it with the Foodbank. Tell them about yourself, about how the recession has affected you and your family and what the Foodbank of Southeastern Virginia means to you.

Tag the back of the plate with your name and ZIP code so that they can be sent to the correct elected official.

Sample questions to answer:

- "How has the recession affected you?"
- "How is the food you receive important to you and your family?"
- "Why do you come to the food pantry, soup kitchen or shelter?"
- "What would you like your elected officials to know about hunger?"
- "What would happen if the help (food, SNAP benefits, etc.) you receive was cut?"
- "What does the Foodbank mean to our community?"
- "Why do you support the Foodbank?"

Please deliver or mail your plate to:
The Foodbank
800 Tidewater Drive
Norfolk, Virginia 23504



The Great Big Giveaway! Sat. Oct 8th. 9am - 12pm

Suited for Success and Port Norfolk Church at 355 Mt. Vernon will be giving away thousands of clothing items to our community. All you need to do is bring two recycled bags, one to stuff with clothes and one to leave for our Senior Supplement Food Program. Any questions? Call 573-1625.

Church Bazaar: October 15th!

8am to 2 pm, Broad Street United Methodist Church. Email Pat Mullins at broadstreetumc@gmail.com or call 397-6314 for more info. Crafters and Vendors: table rental is only \$30 for the day!

Port Norfolk Fall Mulch Delivery!

Have mulch delivered straight to your garden! Volunteers from the Civic League will deliver affordable bagged mulch on October 22nd

Benefits of mulching in the fall include:

1. preventing plant loss from winter and early spring thaws & freezes
2. keeping plant dormant
3. preventing premature opening of buds
4. protecting roots from frost heaves
5. it just looks good!



Contact Amy at amyodonell@cox.net to place your order. 2-cubic yards of brown pine bark nuggets is only \$3.35 per bag, plus a \$5 delivery fee. Tips appreciated and encouraged! Tips and proceeds benefit the Civic League and the Elizabeth River Project.

A Cleaner River Starts With You!



Did you know that a few simple activities in and around your home can make a big difference to the health of the Elizabeth River? Become a River Star Home and make the Elizabeth River swimmable and fishable. learn more and enroll at RiverStarHomes.org

Influence Your Future: VOTE!

A judge set Nov. 8, 2011 for a special election to fill the council seat vacated by Elizabeth Psimas The city council appointed Dr. Edmonds to fill that seat temporarily. Everyone is encouraged to register, educate themselves on those running, and plan to vote. Spread the word to help obtain full participation of the electorate.

Please go to our website for more information about General and Special Elections, Voter Registration and Absentee Voting as it pertains to this very important, upcoming election. Unhappy with the way things are being run? Then vote and make a difference!

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