



PORCH TALK

January 2012
Happy New Year!



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Next Civic League Meeting

Port Norfolk Recreation Center at 432 Broad Street

Thursday January 5, 2012 7:00 pm

We are very fortunate to welcome the City of Portsmouth Police Dept. Chief Edward Hargis as our speaker. Please come to this important meeting to hear about crime/crime prevention in our neighborhood.

Civic League News & Events

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

Here are some of our 2012 Speakers! Please plan to attend and participate in the discussions following this diverse group of speakers.

- * February: Director, Portsmouth Economic Development Patrick Small
- * March: David O'Donnell, Producer of "FBI: Criminal Pursuit"
- * April: Terry Danaher - PortsEvents / Portsmouth Farmer's Market

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

2011 Home Decorating Contest

This was an amazing year for decorations in our neighborhood! We asked for door and house decorations and almost everyone delivered! It was just fantastic, and as such, very difficult to pick any winners for the decorating contest but what a great dilemma to have!

After much deliberation, we were able to narrow the field down to five outstanding homes:

- * 257 Maryland Avenue
- * 404 Maryland Avenue
- * 123 Broad Street
- * 144 Mt. Vernon Avenue
- * 214 Mt. Vernon Avenue

We look forward to a fantastic 2012 and expect that next year's decoration will surpass this year's!

Port Norfolk Neighborhood Watch:

Why should I participate in the Neighborhood Watch? When your neighbors tell you a bike was stolen from their garage or they suspect drug activity going on in a nearby home, you just shake your head. After all, crime can happen anywhere, right? But you can help reduce these incidents and get to know your neighbors better by joining the neighborhood watch. In the process, you help raise property values and lower insurance premiums for the entire neighborhood.

Property crimes—burglary, vandalism, and auto theft—make up more than 75% of criminal behavior in the U.S., according to the US Dept of Justice. Many police and neighborhood watch veterans believe that active watch groups can make a neighborhood more desirable, which raises property values. Organizing a neighborhood watch can bring you closer to neighbors, improve community safety and potentially boost home values.

Make 2012's New Year's Resolution "to become a partner in your neighborhood" and join the Neighborhood Watch kickoff in 2012! Come to the January 5th Meeting!

(Excerpted from coldwellbankerprime.com)

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

2012 Port Norfolk Civic League Membership Form

Name: _____

Birthday Month(s): _____

Address: _____

Park Donation: _____

Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

\$5.00 fee per membership can be paid at a league meeting, or mailed to address below. Park donations should be noted as such and mailed to Port Norfolk Civic League, P.O. Box 7114, Portsmouth VA 23707.

Birthdays

Wishing everyone who celebrates a birthday in January a very happy and wonderful day!



Julia Berry, Coralie Fagan, Rose Harris, Kelly Keiser, Casey Lifsey, Jackson Lifsey, Nicole Macaulay, Scott Young, and Marlene Smith

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

Deepest Sympathy

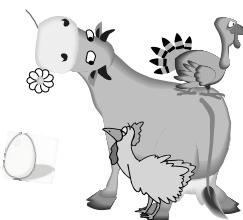
Our condolences to the families of Port Norfolk residents Ronnie Elliott, Dr. Florence Hood, Virginia M. King, Michelle R. McClendon and Bobby J. Mears. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Port Norfolk Rental: \$520/mo

First floor efficiency apartment with large eat in kitchen, washer/dryer, stove, refrigerator, front and back porch, and some utilities paid. Single person only. 344-A Maryland Avenue. Please call (757) 578-7207 for more information.

The Chicken, Egg, Turkey & Beef!

Tatjana Adam's house, 107 Douglas Avenue, is now a pick-up location for locally grown, natural and antibiotic-free, pasture raised poultry, eggs, turkey and beef. Support your local economy and buy the healthiest food for your family. Contact rbefarm@mac.com to place an order!



Historical Records

We are once again requesting that you share with us any older Port Norfolk pictures (old bridges, train stations, schools, restaurants, fire station, etc) that you may have. We would like to collect stories and photos to post on our website and to archive for future generations. Please send us anything and everything! Randy Smith our webmaster is going to be overseeing this collection so please email him with any questions: webmaster@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

PNBC Donation Day: Saturday, Jan. 21, 8am - 2pm

Port Norfolk Baptist Church is having a Donation Day! They have rounded up usable items from the church, from member donations and they are making everything available to you, completely FREE! Items will be given away at no cost; however, they are accepting donations to our "Let's Do It" Campaign which is raising money to replace their non-working central air conditioning system. If you have any questions about the event, please call the church at (757) 393-1041 and ask to speak with Josh or Terry for more information. Put this on your calendar and plan to attend!

2011 Holiday Tour of Homes was a tremendous success! The tour featured five historical homes and three historical places of worship, all beautifully decorated for the holiday season.

The tour began with a free concert performed by the very talented Nansemond Suffolk Academy Special Assemble at the Community Center. They looked impressive in their formal attire and their music instilled a feeling of Christmas in everyone. Music was also provided in our tour homes by musicians William Ball and Neil Kirby, both students at Western Branch High School. Everyone enjoyed the performances of these young men. Thank you to Heather McVey and Debbie Ball for helping coordinate their performances.

The day of the tour the weather was beautiful and so warm so we decided to forgo the fires planned along the tour route. However, I would like to thank Randy Smith and Heather McVey for volunteering to attend the fires.

Our list of homes on 2011's tour were 551 Florida Avenue, owner Mr. Harry DeHart; 439 Florida Avenue, owners Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Snyder; 137 Broad Street, owners Mr. and Mrs. Brian McHugh; 436 Maryland Avenue, owner Mr. Duane Wilson; and 214 Mt. Vernon Avenue, owners Mr. and Mrs. David Rafferty. Our list of churches was Port Norfolk Pentecostal Assembly, 355 Mt. Vernon Avenue, Pastor Connie Shoemaker; Broad Street United Methodist Church, 300 Broad Street, Pastor Lisa R. Blackmonson, and Port Norfolk Baptist Church, 401 Broad Street, Pastor Terry Taylor.

Two of our homeowners deserve a special thank you: Mr. Duane Wilson, who provided all of the tour participants with delicious food as well as opening his home for the tour and Mr. Harry DeHart, who navigated the tour of his home from his hospital bed with the help of all his friends.

We could not have held this event without the help of all those who volunteered their time; we cannot thank them enough:

- * Tammy Lifsey and Judy Higgins for serving as hostesses for our homeowners during the tour.
- * Doti Parker, Gail Hoofnagle, Stephanie Herman, and Amy O'Donnell for providing ticket sales on the day of the tour.
- * Our neighborhood merchants who sold tickets for the event, Pizza Box, 2616 Detroit St.; Village Hair Design, 359 Broad St.; Anderson-Wright Rooms and Gardens, 622 High St.; and Kitchen Koop, 638 High Street all located in Portsmouth, Virginia.
- * Ericka Nestler for coordinating and supplying the refreshments at the Broad Street United Methodist Church. We would also like to thank the churches who opened their doors and thanks to their congregation members who served refreshments to our many guests.
- * Decorations in Port Norfolk at Fountain Park, Memorial Walk, and our Port Norfolk Historical Sign were provided by John Lifsey and Philip DeSiano.
- * Our wonderful neighbors who pulled out the holiday decorations and made our neighborhood look incredibly festive, in time for the Tour!

A very special thank you to Joanne Rowe for donating the Victorian Doll House, the grand raffle prize! It was pictured on our website and displayed prominently at Anderson-Wright Rooms and Gardens. The drawing for the doll house was held at the reception immediately following the tour. John Lifsey was the lucky winner!

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