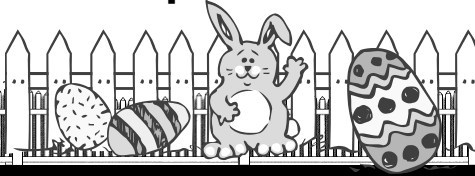




# PORCH TALK

## April 2012



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

**Thursday April 5, 2012 7:00 pm**

**Our speaker will be Terry Danaher from City of Portsmouth. She's the founder of NoTollsHR.org and fighting to keep us toll free. Come hear her talk about the PortsEvents, the Farmer's Market, and the tolls!**

*(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!

#### The Rodeo is Coming to Port Norfolk: April 7th!

Healthy Portsmouth & Port Norfolk Civic League have teamed up to bring you a fantastic Spring event! This community event will be an opportunity for friends and family, kids and adults to go out and have FUN at all of the events happening throughout the neighborhood! Kids can compete in the bike Rodeo, play organized games, Easter egg hunt, egg toss, face painting visit the bounce house, and more! Adults can go to the chili cookoff, craft fair, shop at the Farmer's Market, and walk along the newly finished walking paths established by *Healthy Portsmouth Walks!*

#### "Get off your HIDE and RIDE"

**Kids Bike Rodeo, Chili Cookoff & Craft Fair**

**Saturday April 7th**  
**11-3pm**  
**Port Norfolk**  
**300-400 Blocks of Broad Street**

Yee-ha! Cowboys and cowgirls saddle up and mosey on down to the best little rodeo in town! Trade in your Appaloosa and Ten Gallon Hat for a bike and helmet to participate in these fun packed rodeo themed events!



Win trophies and prizes!

Calf Ropin' • Barrel Racin' • Bronco Saddlein' • Quick Draw • Rodeo Clownin'  
Register at [www.portnorfolk.org](http://www.portnorfolk.org) for your own  
PERSONALIZED numbered bib, cowboy hat, and bandana!



Please visit our website for the full list of activities planned for this day of fun that you will not want to miss!  
[www.portnorfolk.org](http://www.portnorfolk.org)

#### 2nd Annual Progressive Porch Party:

**April 29th!** This is a fundraising event supporting the Port Norfolk Civic League & the Portsmouth Humane Society!

Pay \$15.00 and enjoy fun, food and drink at each host porch! The party starts at 2pm and progresses around the Neighborhood in 1/2 hour time slots.

Registration: 2pm - 2:45pm at first stop (below)

- ∩ 2:00pm - 413 Douglas Ave. / Erika Nestler: Mimosas & Seafood Appetizers
- ∩ 3:00pm - 533 Cleveland Ave. / Eric & Kelly Keiser: Game time food and drinks
- ∩ 3:30pm - 425 Florida Ave. / Amie Graham: Italian theme drinks and sweets
- ∩ 4:00pm - 524 Maryland Ave. / Paul McGrath & Jenn: Mexican food and Margaritas
- ∩ 4:30pm - Village Hair Studio (corner of Broad & Detroit): wine cheese, treats and an Artist Open House!
- ∩ 5:00pm - 309 Broad St. / Mr. & Mrs. Young: Spring time treats
- ∩ 5:30pm - 229 Mt. Vernon Ave. / John & Tammy Lifsey: Dessert and Coffee
- ∩ 6:00pm - Raffle Drawing at the Lifsey's!

Please RSVP to Erika at 262-8330 or via email: [Welcoming@portnorfolk.org](mailto:Welcoming@portnorfolk.org)

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

**Port Norfolk's NEAT Officer is Kelly Funkhouser. Please contact her if you see anything suspicious (and not an emergency) happening in the neighborhood: (757) 235-5665**

For Board member email addresses, visit our website at [www.portnorfolk.org](http://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 April a very happy day!



*John Lifsey, Leo Outland,  
Mindy Sizemore, and Cassandra Snyder*

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

## League Membership

We are off to a great start this year with over 80 new memberships in the Civic League already! Membership is only \$5 and supports many of the fundraisers we do for the community, as well as paying for the publication of Porch Talk. Join us and help shape our future!

## 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)

## Historic Home Improvement Show - Sat. April 28th

This show explores the challenges of owning and repairing your "old house." Vendors/Contractors are needed! Space is limited! Venue: I.C. Norcom High School. Admission to the show is free. Contact Jocelyn Adumuah in the City's Planning Dept for more info: (757) 393-8836 x4203

## Neighborhood Watch

You may have noticed an increase in police activity in our neighborhood. This is due to your neighbors who are calling the police to report criminal activity and the resulting police response is very effectively helping to eradicate those criminals. Keep the calls coming and do not be alarmed by the police presence. It's a GOOD thing!

Port Norfolk's Neighborhood Watch has kicked off a NO CRIME sign blitz through April 30th! If you want to order a sign and participate, please call Heather at (757) 748-9007. Please join your neighbors as we take back our neighborhood, making it once again a wonderful place to live! Click the Neighborhood Watch link on our website ([www.portnorfolk.org](http://www.portnorfolk.org)) for updates on meetings and events. Here's the schedule for meetings and walks:

- \* 1st & 3rd Fri every month - Neighborhood walk (meet up locations will vary. Check website for updates!)
- \* 2nd Thur every month - Neighborhood Watch Meeting (at Port Norfolk Baptist Church)
- \* 4th Thur every month - Neighborhood Watch Meeting (at Port Norfolk Methodist Church)

7:00pm is start time for all events listed above. Updates will be posted on our website and Facebook.

## Porch Talk Carriers

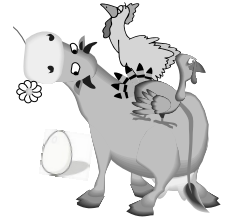
Did you know that we print and deliver 1,200 copies of Porch Talk every month? We couldn't do it without the many volunteers who help us, because there are never enough! We're looking for people who like to get out and walk, who wouldn't mind delivering issues of Porch Talk once a month. Interested? Please contact John at [info@portnorfolk.org](mailto:info@portnorfolk.org)

## Up and Open, a Show of Art - April 29th 4:00 - 5:30pm

The Village Hair Studio is hosting an open house entitled "Up and Open, a Show of Art" featuring the works of Matt Hartman ([www.matthartman.com](http://www.matthartman.com)) and Keegan Morrison ([keeganm.com](http://keeganm.com)).

## The Chicken, Egg, Turkey & Beef!

Easter is almost here and you're sure to need some eggs. Why not support your local merchants and buy the healthiest food for your family at the same time! RBE Farms ([rbe farms.com](http://rbe farms.com)) offers locally grown, natural and antibiotic-free, pasture raised poultry, eggs, turkey and beef. Contact [rbe farm@mac.com](mailto:rbe farm@mac.com) to place an order! You order and it's delivered right here to Port Norfolk! Tatjana Adam's house—107 Douglas Avenue—is a pick-up location.



Litter in a community takes a toll on quality of life, [property values](#), and housing prices. Did you know that a Keep America Beautiful Survey found that litter in a neighborhood decreases property values by 7%? Take action by helping clean up Port Norfolk!

## Fountain Park Cleanup: April 14th (9:00am-12:00pm)

**Where?** We will meet at Fountain Park and spread out through the neighborhood

**When?** April 28, 2012 (10:00am - 3:00pm)

**How?** We provide the clean up materials...you provide the muscle and good cheer

## Reflection Walk Brick Ceremony: Saturday June 16th

Reflection Walk, which overlooks the Elizabeth River, is a sanctuary that honors the families, friends and caregivers whose lives have been touched by cancer. We invite you to purchase engraved bricks that will be placed in the memorial area at the end of Florida Avenue. The proceeds will help maintain this special park and promote cancer awareness.

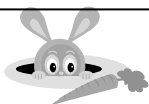
Ceremonies are held twice a year (spring and fall). If you wish to order a memorial brick, please contact Nicole Macaulay at [reflectionwalk@portnorfolk.org](mailto:reflectionwalk@portnorfolk.org) or visit our website at [http://portnorfolk.org/reflection\\_walk.html](http://portnorfolk.org/reflection_walk.html)



Look for Port Norfolk Online!

Website: [www.PortNofolk.org](http://www.PortNofolk.org)

On Facebook: Port-Norfolk



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