

PORCH TALK

June 2012



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Next Civic League Meeting

Port Norfolk Recreation Center at 432 Broad Street

Thursday

June 7, 2012

7:00 pm

Our June Speaker is from the Friends of the Portsmouth Library! REMINDER: No meeting in July!

(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!

Neighborhood Yard Sale!

Date: Saturday, June 9th (rain date June 23rd)

Time: 8am - 1pm

Cost: \$5.00 for civic league members/\$10 for non-members. (The \$5.00 payment

goes to the required city permit.)

As a service to the community, the Civic League will get city permits for every registered house, advertise, design & print a program with all addresses and a small description of what each house is offering - to be given to shoppers at

each house. Best of all, whatever doesn't sell that you want gone will be picked up by a local charity that evening! Make preparations now! Invite your friends to join or come out and shop this mega yard sale event! More details on our website, including payment information!

Our Neighborhood Hosts The Port Norfolk BOO-yah! 5K and Fun Run

Date: October 28th

We want all ghosts, ghouls and vamps to come down and enjoy Port Norfolk at Halloween. Race participants will dress up in their favorite Halloween duds and get "chased" by zombies as they run/walk past some spooky

and amazing houses... including the infamous MARYLAND MANSION.

This event is a Fundraiser and open to everyone. What a great way to showcase the fun and positive aspects of our



neighborhood. Let's blow the lid off with our Halloween decorations this year!

Watch our website and Porch Talk for updates and race info, for those who wish to compete, participate or just observe the fun!

Reflection Walk Brick Ceremony Postponed until a later date (TO BE DETERMINED)

Reflection Walk, which overlooks the Elizabeth River, is a sanctuary that honors the families, friends and caregivers whose lives have been touched by cancer. You still have time to order a commemorative bring before the rescheduled brick laying ceremony. Please contact Nicole Macaulay at Parks@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

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 June a very wonderful day!

Chris Blyden, Vanessa Duran, Lenora Morlino, Sandy Rich 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.org

SENIOR CITIZENS!

Are you a Senior Citizen who could use a little help from some friends? The Sheriff's Office wants to know! They can bring a crew to your house and cut the grass, along with other exterior maintenance. Please contact their office for more information: 757-393-8210

Port Norfolk Baptist Church 4th of July Community Cookout!

There will be activities for families from 4-6pm at Fountain Park organized by church members, and dinner/desserts served at 6pm in the church lot. Please bring a side dish to share and really get into the community feeling! Side dishes can be brought to the church ahead of time. We will finish by 8pm so families can go to go to their favorite Fireworks locations. Activities and events will be FREE for all participants!

PoNo Light Show Contest!

In order to give everyone ample time to prepare, we 're sharing a quick view of an upcoming event to debut this year: The PoNo Light Show! We are going to have an enormous "There Glows The Neighborhood" competition with prizes and awards in many different categories that will give you bragging rights for a full year! You may want to start your planning now! Keep an eye on our website and Porch Talk for more details soon!

The Chicken. The Egg. The Turkey. The BEEF!

It's grilling season! Time to get chicken and BEEF to be the best grill master you can be, PLUS you can support your local merchants and buy the healthiest food for your family at the same time! RBE Farms (rbefarms.com) offers locally grown, natural and antibiotic-free, pasture raised poultry, eggs, turkey and beef. Contact rbefarm@mac.com to place your order and it's delivered right here to Port Norfolk! Tatjana Adam's house—107 Douglas Avenue—is a pick-up location.

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

Environmental Matters

Observations from Will Sanders, our Environmental chairman:

Many of us are not familiar with the standards and codes we need to support and as a result we receive unexpected fines and warnings. To help avoid some of these, here is the link to Portsmouth City Ordinances: http://www.portsmouthva.gov/inspections/

Here are a couple of things I would like to emphasize:

- * You are responsible for cutting the grass and trees in the alleys
- * Post your house number on your back fence in the alley
- * Bulk trash needs to go out no earlier than Thursday
- ▼ We are responsible for other people's litter in our yards and sidewalks
- * The only items allowed on front porches are outdoor furniture (no sofas, easy chairs, fridges or washing machines please!), milk delivery coolers or boxes and decorations suitable for outside display.
- * Remember, this is OUR neighborhood! Be proud and help keep it clean and beautiful!

If you have any questions or concerns about our community, please feel free to email me at wds.anders@gmail.com.



Neighborhood Watch

Here's the schedule for meetings and walks:

- * 1st & 3rd Fri every month 7:00pm Neighborhood walk (meet at Fountain Park)
- *2nd & 3rd Sun every month 2:00pm Neighborhood walk (meet at Fountain park)
- <u>▼ 2nd Thur every month</u> 7:00pm Neighborhood Watch Meeting (at Port Norfolk Church corner of Mt. Vernon & Detroit)
- * 4th Thur every month 7:00pm Neighborhood Watch Meeting for Captains (at Port Norfolk Methodist Church corner of Wesley & Broad)



Look for Port Norfolk Online!

Website: www.PortNofolk.org
On Facebook: Port-Norfolk