



PORCH TALK

January 2013



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Next Civic League Meeting

Port Norfolk Recreation Center at 432 Broad Street

Thursday January 3, 2013 7:00 pm

Our January speaker will be Chief Hargiss of the Portsmouth Police Department. Please come to hear what he says about the plans for crime reduction that have been in place this year, as well as going forward!

Civic League News & Events

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

Holiday Homes Tour!

This year's historic homes holiday tour was one of the most spectacular that anyone can remember! The League offers a heartfelt thank you to all of the gracious homeowners who allowed visitors in to view their beautiful residences. An equally fervent thank you to all of the people who made this event so successful: the host/hostesses, the people who sold tickets, provided refreshments, music; we couldn't have an event this wonderful without people like you!

February is "I LOVE PORT NORFOLK" Month!

You KNOW you love your neighborhood, but now you can let others know just how much! Here's how you can participate:

1. Decorate your yard by Feb. 11th for judging on Valentine's Day
2. Bake your best and bring to the Feb. Civic League meeting for judging! The categories are cupcakes, pies, cakes and cookies.
3. Elaborate in an essay and send to welcoming@portnorfolk.org. Please include your name and address!
4. Draw! Coloring contest entries should be dropped in mailbox at 413 Douglas by Valentine's Day. Make sure your name and address are on your creation!



More details will be available on our website after January 1st!

Holiday Light Show!

The first annual Holiday Light Show was PHENOMENAL! We can't emphasize enough how impressed the judges were with the caliber of decorations that they had to decide amongst. It was a very difficult decision to pick the winners, but they had to pick and although it was hard, eventually, they made their choices. Here are the amazing winners for 2012!

1. **Blinded by the Light: 144 Mt. Vernon**
(brightest lights)
2. **Light It Up: 525 Douglas Avenue**
(best use of inflatables)
3. **The Light Fantastic!**
(Judge's pick)
4. **Lightning McQueen: Maryland Mansion**
(Kid's choice)
5. **In Living Color: 116 Mt. Vernon Avenue**
(most colorful)
6. **Ray of Light:**
(people's choice)
7. **Winter Wonderland: 720 Broad Street**
(most magical)
8. **Vintage Holiday: 107 Maryland**
(historic holiday)
9. **Greensleeves: 229 Mt. Vernon**
(best use of natural greenery)
10. **Electric Light Orchestra: 326 Douglas**
(best lights with sound)

Go on the website to see the photos of these amazing homes; hopefully you had the opportunity to drive past them while they were decorated! Thank you everyone! You set the bar high this year, can't wait to see next year!

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

2013 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 joyous day!



Greg Dale, Bill Fediw, Vera Fediw, Luis Guadano, Rose Harris, John Higgins, Kelly Keiser, Casey Lifsey, Jackson Lifsey, Nicole Macaulay, Marlene Smith and Scott Young

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

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

It's a New Year ... have you decided to eat healthier this year? Well, RBE Farms (rbefarms.com) can help you with that goal because they offer locally grown, natural and antibiotic-free, pasture raised TURKEY, poultry, eggs, and beef. You can support your local merchants and buy the healthiest food for your family at the same time! 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.



Family Game Night & Potluck Supper!

Port Norfolk Baptist Church—Saturday, January 26 from 6-9pm. Come bring a dish to share with neighbors and friends as we spend the night playing board games and enjoying each other's company. Everyone is invited and we hope that you can attend!

City Council Community Meeting

The City Council holds semi-annual Community Meetings each year to give citizens an additional opportunity to bring community concerns to Council's attention. The next scheduled Community Meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 15th at Norcom High School at 7 PM.

Paradise Creek Nature Park Opens to the Public!

On Friday, Dec. 28, 2012, The Elizabeth River Project and City of Portsmouth officially opened Paradise Creek Nature Park for the public's use and pleasure! The 40-acre site is Portsmouth's second largest public park and the region's only park showcasing the efforts involved in restoring an urban river. The park is an oasis of restored forest and wetlands in the heart of a working harbor - surrounded by industries that are also doing their part to reduce pollution and bring back wildlife habitat. The park boasts 2 miles of hiking trails and "glass-bottom" kayaks!

For more information, contact Marjorie Mayfield Jackson at 757-399-7487 or mmayfield@elizabethriver.org, or visit www.ParadiseCreekPark.org

Are You Having Trouble Making Needed Home Repairs?

The Portsmouth Redevelopment and Housing Authority may be able to help. If you:

- Live in the City of Portsmouth
- Own and reside in your property
- Have a housing income 50% or less than the area median income
- Need repairs that jeopardize your ability to live in your home safely

Then you may be eligible for an Emergency Home Repair Loan - a 0% interest forgivable loan up to \$5,000 to help with repairs:

- AC/Heat
- Plumbing
- Electrical
- Gas lines
- Damaged Roofs
- Fireplace/Chimney
- Accessibility Features for Disabled

For more information and to get your application, contact: Kim Hasty at 757.391.2933 or khasty@prha.org

PORTSMOUTH EVENTS:

Jan 19th - African-American Heritage Day, 9am-5pm

The Children's Museum hosts annual African-American Heritage Day. The museum will offer a whirl-wind tour through the history of African American culture that will feature an interactive drum workshop, immersive storytelling, make-and-take crafts, games and more! Activity included with paid admission. Children's Museum of Virginia, 221 High St., Portsmouth

Jan 22nd at 6pm - Family Movie Night at the Library!

Enjoy a night out and bring your family to watch a movie on the 3rd Tuesday of each month. Churchland Library - For more information, please call 757-686-2538

Porch Talk Deliverers Needed!

We are in need of neighbors to deliver Porch Talks. Just a few minutes each month are required. If you can help, please call John Lifsey at 757-399-2383.



Happy New Year!

Look for Port Norfolk Online!

Website: www.PortNorfolk.org

5k Website: www.booyah5k.com

On Facebook: Port-Norfolk



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