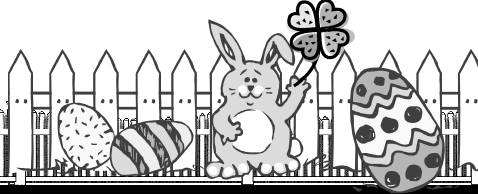




# PORCH TALK

## March 2013



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### Next Civic League Meeting

Port Norfolk Recreation Center at 432 Broad Street

**Thursday March 7, 2013 7:00 pm**

Our March speaker is Evelyn Ray with The Portsmouth Master Gardeners tree stewards. She will discuss ways to increase the tree canopy of Portsmouth, starting in Port Norfolk. We need citizens to assist in the care of the newly planted trees!

### Civic League News & Events

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

#### Winners!

Thank you to all of our wonderful neighbors who decorated for Valentine's Day as part of our "I Love Port Norfolk" month! More than 47 houses participated in the challenge, which made picking winners difficult. Here are the outstanding homes:

- \* Eager Beaver Over Achiever: It was a tie!  
500 Broad Street & 259 Douglas Ave
- \* True Love: 123 Broad St
- \* Be My Valentine: 458 Maryland
- \* Virginia Is For lovers!: 257 Maryland
- \* I Love Port Norfolk: 2801 Bay view Ave
- \* Love Shines: 258 Douglas Ave
- \* Cupid's True Love: 500 broad St
- \* Sweethearts Whisper: 108 Florida Ave
- \* Best Valentine's Day Tree: 458 Chautauqua

#### Upcoming Events:

If you would like to play an active role in helping with these events, either planning or participation, please let us know!

- Mulch and Flower Sale - April 6th*
- Earth Day Neighborhood Cleanup - April 20th*
- Porch Crawl - April 21st*
- Bike Rodeo - May 4th*
- Neighborhood Yard Sale - June 22nd*
- 2nd Annual BOO-Yah! 5k Run - Oct. 19th*
- Holiday Light Show! - Nov/Dec.*
- Historic Holiday Homes Tour - Dec. 15th*

#### Spring Mulch Delivery - April 6

The Port Norfolk Garden Fairies are at it again! We'll be bringing mulch to all the green thumbs out there on April 6th. Only \$4.00 per large bag of brown pine bark mulch with a \$10 delivery fee. All proceeds of this fundraiser benefit the Elizabeth River Project and your Civic League. E-mail your order today: [vicepresident@portnorfolk.org](mailto:vicepresident@portnorfolk.org)

#### Celebrate Earth Day on April 20th!

Fountain Park and Reflection Walk are part of what makes Port Norfolk such a beautiful place to live. To keep that beauty intact, they need a little yearly refreshing, so come join your neighbors as we clean, weed, mulch, plant, remove trash, rake leaves and maybe even do a little painting, in honor of earth day! Bring your rakes, gloves, pitchforks and shovels. We will supply bags and water. If you would like to donate any plants or bulbs, we would love to have them. You can bring them or drop them off. **We are meeting at Fountain Park at 9am on Saturday, April 20th.** If you have any questions, please call Paul McGrath at (757)318-0658 or Nicole Macaulay at (757) 412-7391.

#### 3rd Annual Progressive Porch Crawl - April 21

Please RSVP on our event page on Facebook. The attendance fee is \$15.00 for Civic League members and \$20.00 nonmembers. This is a fundraiser for the Portsmouth Humane Society and Port Norfolk Civic League and Parks Fund. As others who have done this will tell you, this is a wonderful way to meet your neighbors and enjoy the great outdoors while doing something good for your community! Please join us. Attendance is limited! Don't get left out!

**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)

# 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 March a magnificent day!



*Allison Berry & Stephanie Slater*

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)

## Our Deepest Sympathy

Anita Kay Tevis, a Portsmouth native, passed away on February 9, 2013. Our thoughts are with her family and friends during this difficult time.

## PNBC Easter Egg Hunt

Port Norfolk Baptist Church is holding their annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 23 at 10am. Hunt for eggs and candy around the church, and make an Easter craft to take home! Kids are invited to dress in their best bunny costumes and join the costume contest; one lucky winner will receive an extra prize! Easter egg hunts will be split into two groups:

1. Age 2 through kindergarten
2. 1st - 6th grade

There will be PLENTY of candy for all!

## Spring Cleaning = Yard Sale Time!

As the weather warms and your thoughts turn to spring cleaning mode, keep in mind that the Port Norfolk Civic League is once again organizing the Neighborhood Yard Sale that was such a big success last year! It is expected to be even more heavily attended this year. As was done last year, any unwanted yard sale items will be picked up by a charity, and they can write you a receipt for tax purposes, if requested. The yard sale date is June 22nd, rain date to be determined. If you want to participate it will cost only \$10.00. That pays for your permit from City Hall—which will be delivered to you prior to the yard sale—plus advertising costs, and your sale will be highlighted on the map, which will be provided to shoppers!

## Spring Cleaning = "Check Historic Regulations" time!

We all know that itch that comes over you when you stand on the curb looking at your beloved house, feverishly contemplating all of the things you could do to make your home even more special: Maybe a new coat of paint in a different color? How about replacing the porch railings? Maybe a new front door? And that porch light ... time to replace it with a shiny new one! **STOP!** Before you do anything you will regret, check the historic regulations first. Do not do any exterior changes to your home without checking to make sure you can, without getting permission from the Historic Preservation Board. If in doubt, contact the City's Planning Dept. with any questions: (757) 393-8836



## Aspiring Artist(s) Needed!

We are in need of people with decorative painting skills to help create a few signs for upcoming events, as well as help to refresh our existing signage at Fountain Park and Reflection Walk! If you can help, please call John Lifsey at 757-399-2383.

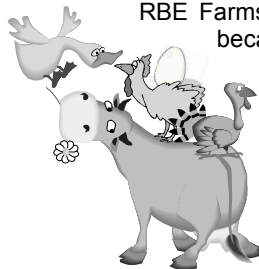


## PortNorfolk.org Website Update

If you haven't visited our neighborhood website lately, then you might be surprised to find it has undergone a huge transformation! Our webmaster, Randy Smith, has been working behind the scenes to make our website more useful and interactive. He has listened to your requests and I think you'll love what you see! Go to the site and let us know what you think! Thanks for all your hard work, Randy!

## Chicken, Egg, Turkey, Duck and BEEF!

Spring is coming, and you know what THAT means! Time to get your beach body tuned up by eating healthy! RBE Farms ([rbefarms.com](http://rbefarms.com)) can help you with that because they offer locally grown, natural and antibiotic-free, pasture raised poultry (chicken, turkey and duck!) 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](mailto: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.



## 2nd Annual BOO-yah! 5K & Little Monsters Fun Run!

The BOO-yah race committee is already hard at work, planning for the 2nd annual race event! It is projected to be a much larger event than last year, and that means more volunteers are needed! If you can help, we would love to have you! Please email us to discuss volunteer opportunities: [booyah5k@portnorfolk.org](mailto:booyah5k@portnorfolk.org)

## Look for Port Norfolk Online!

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

5k Website: [www.BOOyah5k.com](http://www.BOOyah5k.com)

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