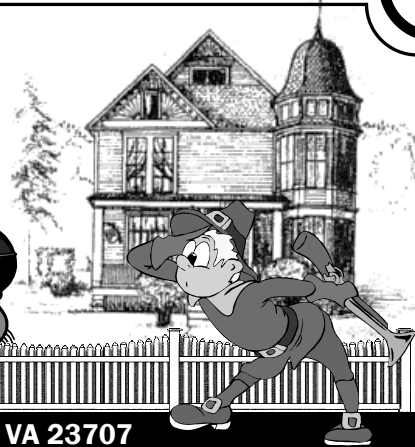
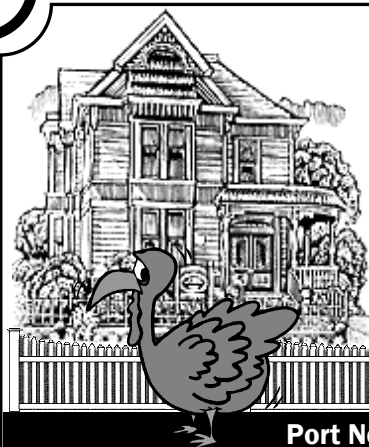


November 2013

PORCH TALK

*Happy
Thanksgiving*



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Next Civic League Meeting

Port Norfolk Recreation Center at 432 Broad Street

Thursday November 7, 2013 7:00 pm

Our November speaker is Portsmouth Historian Dean Burgess who will share stories of Port Norfolk's past and answer your questions. Dean is the man behind the Olde Towne Ghost Walk and tells some of the most haunting stories of Portsmouth's past. His passion for good old fashioned storytelling makes him a very entertaining speaker indeed!

A babysitter will be provided, so please plan to attend.

Civic League News & Events

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

Neighborhood Watch:

The November 14th Meeting will be held at 7:00 at the Port Norfolk Church. A Narcotics Detective scheduled to speak. You do not want to miss this meeting! Please plan to attend. A reminder will be sent closer to the date to those on our email list. If you would like to be added to the list, please contact John Higgins at higgsafe@cox.net.

Retiring Board Members:

Grateful thanks to our retiring board members, Stephanie Herman, Treasurer and Heather McVey, Recreation. We appreciate your many hours of service and your contributions to the betterment of the community. You both helped make our neighborhood a better place to live! It was a pleasure working with you and we were lucky to have you! Thank you!

Holiday Potluck!

Reminder that our normal meeting in December will be a potluck dinner open to ALL! You do not have to be a member to come join us as we celebrate friends, neighbors and the conclusion of another wonderful year. Bring a dish to share and prepare to have a great time! The Civic League provides drinks, cutlery and paper products! Remember, November is the last official meeting of 2013, because December's meeting is all about EATING!



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

Our new NIO Officer is Sean Hughes. Please contact him if you see anything suspicious, but not an emergency: (757) 235-4556 or hughess@portsmouthva.gov

For Board member email addresses, visit our website at www.portnorfolk.org

2nd Annual BOO-yah! 5k and Little Monsters Fun Run

October 19th, the date of our 2nd run was a wonderful day filled with colorful costumes and good times. More than one ton of food was collected for distribution from the Port Norfolk Food Pantry! Funds raised will be used for various neighborhood improvement and beautification projects including a basketball hoop for the Rec. Center and a concrete table with an inlaid chess board and matching benches for Fountain Park. The organizers would like to thank their sponsors, volunteers and the neighborhood for their kind support of the event!

Portsmouth Police Auxiliary
Portsmouth Sheriff's Dept.
Portsmouth YMCA
Fast Signs
Elizabeth River Crossings
Cooper Hurley Law Firm
Hyatt Place Chesapeake/Greenbrier
Country Vintner

Stephen Heretick Law
Culpepper's Boat House
Mile Marker "0" Marine Supply
Broad Street Christian Academy
Port Norfolk Church
Wilson Little League
Road ID
Studio SMW

Canady and Branch
Still Worldly Eclectic Tapas
American Patriot Storage
McCarty's Wheel Shop
Village Hair
Way Back Yonder Antiques
The Finer Things

We would also like to extend special thanks to Deb Foytik for her above and beyond assistance, encouragement and support!

We are already planning the 3rd Annual BOO-yah and are always looking for great ideas and volunteers. Drop us a line at booyah5k@portnorfolk.org if you'd like to help out or offer up a suggestion about what could make our event even more fun!

Port Norfolk Presents: The Holiday Light Show Contest!

Do you watch *Christmas Vacation* with Chevy Chase every year to ready yourself for the upcoming holiday light season? Do you watch *Deck the Halls* with Matthew Broderick & Danny Devito and think "HA! Amateurs." Have you ever found yourself staring at your house and rubbing your hands together in anticipation while thinking "**MORE POWER!**" in your best 'Tim the Tool Man Taylor' voice? Do you view those lights/music synchronized houses on the internet every year with thinly disguised envy, hoping that someday it will be YOUR house that's featured? If you were nodding along, then you are **EXACTLY** the kind of person who is going to enjoy this year's contest, The Holiday Light Show Contest! We want to put Port Norfolk on the **Holiday Must See** list! We want people to say "There Glows the Neighborhood!" when they think of us! Join your neighbors for a good spirited, competitive and fun event that will give the winners bragging rights for an entire year!

The rules are pretty straightforward:

You can decorate in any style, theme or color that you'd like, but keep it clean for the kids, please! In order to be eligible for any of the coveted titles that will be awarded to the best of the best in Port Norfolk, you must have your lights in place and ready to be judged, no later than the evening of Saturday, December 8th because this is when the judges will start viewing your home, trying to pick a winner from the stellar competition! But, the earlier you can have them up, the better, because that gives you more exposure time for the highly coveted "People's Choice" award! Pictures will be posted on our Facebook page, as well as our website, for voting! You can also suggest a home, if you feel one is really exceptional, to make sure it is not overlooked in the judging process!

Here are the categories that you will be competing for:

1. **Blinded by the Light (brightest lights)**
2. **Light It Up (best use of inflatables)**
3. **The Light Fantastic! (Judge's pick)**
4. **Lightning McQueen (kid's choice)**
5. **In Living Color (most colorful)**
6. **Ray of Light (people's choice)**
7. **Winter Wonderland (most magical)**
8. **Vintage Holiday (historic holiday)**
9. **Greensleeves (best use of natural greenery)**
10. **Electric Light Orchestra (best lights with sound)**



The judges will make their selections by Saturday, December 14th and the award signs will be placed in the lucky winner's yards. Best of luck to everyone and thank you for filling our neighborhood with holiday spirit! Our homes, decorated, look absolutely magical!

Sounds & Sights of a Bygone Era *The 2013 Port Norfolk* *Historic Homes* *Holiday Tour*

Sunday, December 15, 2013 , 3- 7 PM

Come and enjoy an afternoon of nostalgia featuring :

- * 5 Beautiful Homes*
- * 1 Chique Boutique*
- * 1 Angelic Church*
- * Live Nativity Scene*
- * Carolers*
- * Musical Entertainment*
- * Reflection Walk*

Tickets available @ Village Hair Designs & Pizza Box in Port Norfolk, and Anderson Wright Garden Center in Olde Towne. The day of the tour, tickets will be available @ Reflection Walk only. Tickets are \$10.00 in advance, \$12.00 day of tour. Port Norfolk 2104 scenic calendars are on sale for \$10.00 and can be purchased @ "The Higgins Carriage House" which is on tour.



*"November comes
And November goes,
With the last red berries
And the first white snows.*

*"With night coming early,
And dawn coming late,
And ice in the bucket
And frost by the gate.*

*The fires burn
And the kettles sing,
And earth sinks to rest
Until next spring."*

- Elizabeth Coatsworth

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PORT NORFOLK CIVIC LEAGUE
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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 November a noteworthy day!



*Kim Cottrell, Kelly Garcia-Smith,
Martin Herrera, Judy Higgins, Kira Kottow,
Tammy Lifsey, Paul McGrath, Linda Rafferty,
Carla Smothers, Jim Windley, & Jana Young*

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

Maryland Mansion!

Maryland Mansion on the big screen! If you missed the Channel 13 news story about the BOO-yah and Maryland Mansion, never fear! The link is posted on the Port Norfolk Facebook page and website. You'll be amazed by the kind heart and great t.v. presence of Port Norfolk's 10 y.o. Evan Smith. <http://www.wvec.com/my-city/portsmouth/Get-creeped-out-in-Portsmouth-Saturday-and-help-the-hungry-228322761.html>

Reflection Walk Memorial Bricks

Christmas is the perfect time to express your love for a friend or family member who has suffered at the hands of cancer. The Port Norfolk Civic League offers bricks, engraved to your specifications, that are professionally laid under the beautiful gazebo at Reflection Walk, overlooking the Elizabeth River. A brick dedication ceremony is held annually each September for those who have purchased bricks for their friends and loved ones. For more information, or to obtain an order form, please e-mail Nicole Macaulay at reflectionwalk@portnorfolk.org or call (757) 412-7391.

Wanted: Neighborhood History!

The Port Norfolk Civic League is interested in collecting information about the history of Port Norfolk and Kim Lewandowski has volunteered to be the first Port Norfolk Historian. If you have pictures, videos or stories about the neighborhood, we would love to hear from you and obtain copies. Please contact Kim at historian@portnorfolk.org or 757-646-4522.

From 1894 edition of "Blue and Gray" magazine on page 277:

In reading the old records of Portsmouth, the old glebe land was located, and attention having been directed to it, its splendid situation and beautiful water-view so attracted several enterprising men, that by the beginning of 1890 they had consummated a plan of purchasing the land and laying out a new town. The name it bears was given by Colonel Win. H. Stewart, the writer of several admirable papers in this magazine. It is a compound word, embracing Port, an abbreviation of Portsmouth, and Norfolk; so Port Norfolk, the "Gem of the Harbor," entwines the names of the "Twin Cities by the Sea," and sits as a beautiful sentinel at their gateway to the Atlantic Ocean.

MOMMY'S BIT OF ZEN
Drop-off babysitting service for the stay-at-home-mom or dad

Run errands, meet with friends for lunch, take a nap, or take a shower without interruption or stress!

Monday-Friday 9:00 am-Noon
Ages: 6-weeks-5 years old
Fee: \$20 a day
24-hour notice required

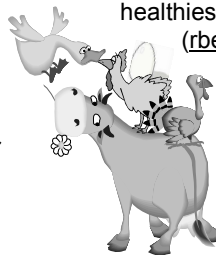
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757-751-5483

Christmas Mini Photography Sessions

Get a head start on your Christmas list this year with great family pictures and custom cards from Matt Hartman Photography. Mini Sessions start at \$50 and will be at Fountain Park on November 9th and at Portsmouth City Park on November 23rd from 9am to 1:30pm. These are reservation only so contact Matt and schedule your session today. Unique Christmas cards, prints and more available. Visit matthartman.com for more information. Matt Hartman, 757-971-0237, matt@matthartman.com

Chicken, Egg, Turkey, Duck and BEEF!

The Holidays are here! Time to get chicken, beef, and TURKEY, PLUS you can support your local merchants and buy the healthiest food for your family at the same time! RBE Farm (rbefarm.com) offers 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 rbe-farm@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.



Look for Port Norfolk Online!

Website: www.PortNorfolk.org
5k Website: www.BOOyah5k.com
On Facebook: Port-Norfolk



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