

February 2014

PORCH TALK



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Next Civic League Meeting

Port Norfolk Recreation Center at 432 Broad Street

Thursday February 6, 2014 7:00 pm

Our guest speaker for February's meeting is Leila Rice from ERC. She will be providing updates about the mid-town tunnel expansion, as well as answering your polite and respectful questions about how this will impact as well as help our traffic congestion in the area.

Civic League News & Events

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

The 4th Annual Port Norfolk Porch Crawl

Do you want to be a Porch Crawl Host? It is a lot of fun, and we LOVE to meet new people! If you are interested in being a host house or want more information about attending please contact Erika Nestler via email : vicepresident@portnorfolk.org The Porch Crawl will be held on April 20th, 2014. It's a wonderful way to meet your neighbors and enjoy exploring our beautiful neighborhood, while doing something good for your community! The attendance fee is \$15.00 for Civic League members and \$20.00 nonmembers. This event is a fundraiser for both The Portsmouth Humane Society and The Port Norfolk Civic League.

Reflection Walk Memorial Bricks

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.

Civic League Board Positions Open

The Civic League has several Board positions open:

- Corresponding Secretary
- Recreation
- Webmaster

Please contact John Lifsey (399.2383) if you would like to know more about what you can do to help your neighborhood grow and prosper in the years to come!

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

Our NIO Officer is Officer James Yunker. Please contact him if you see anything suspicious, but not an emergency: (757) 235-5662

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

2014 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 February a fantastic day!



Happy Birthday, Margaret Windley!

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

Don't Flush Good Money Down the Drain!

Do you live in a home that was formerly a duplex? If so, you may be paying too much for refuse disposal. Look at your water bill. The cost for refuse disposal for a single family home is \$66.72. If you are paying more, your home is still assessed as a duplex, and you need to contact the City Assessor's office. They will inspect your home and change the designation to single family home. One of our neighbors overpaid by \$6,800 before realizing this error! Don't let it happen to you, too!

Port Norfolk Church & International Missionaries

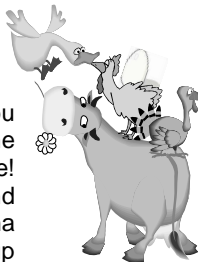
Many of you were probably wondering what the brightly colored posters at the Port Norfolk Church were about. Well, we had International missionary leaders from all over the world visiting our historic neighborhood and the posters were put up to celebrate the wonderful work they do! These visitors were in town to help raise awareness for their causes, and they met with many organizations throughout the Hampton roads area to spread their message and widen their reach. How nice that one of our neighborhood churches had the opportunity to host such a diverse group of people doing such amazing things!

Recycling Is Beautiful, But The Bins Are Not!

Please keep your recycling bins in your back yard until your pick up day. They are wonderful to have, but look pretty unsightly sitting in our front yards. Please hide those bins until the trucks come to empty them! Thank you for helping to keep Port Norfolk beautiful!

Chicken, Egg, Turkey, Duck and BEEF!

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 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.



Genealogy Discussion Group— February 22nd

10:30 AM - Ask for advice, discuss your current work or seek help with a road block. Main Library 601 Court St.

Family Friendly Fun in Portsmouth! LOOK WHO'S LIVING IN TREE HOUSES!

Get out of your house and into the trees at the Children's Museum of Virginia's newest exhibit, opening February 8th! For the opening weekend February 8th and February 9th we'll have special tree-themed activities, including crafts and the opportunity for you to make a lasting impression by leaving your handprint on our handprint tree! On Sunday, February 9th at 12:30 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. we'll have special guests visiting from the Virginia Zoo- be sure to stop in and meet some live critters that call trees home. Visit www.childrensmuseumva.com for programming updates.

Portsmouth Book Group: February 3rd, 6:30—7:45pm

Are you a voracious reader who loves to talk about books? Come join the Portsmouth Book Group at the Churchland Library! Our book selections are eclectic, so we hope to attract a wide variety of readers. Try us out and share the titles you would like to discuss. For more information, please call 757-393-8759

From High Seas to Freedom – February 8th

10 AM - 5 PM - Join us as we explore Portsmouth's nineteenth century African American history in depth. Trace the path and stories of the Underground Railroad and see how it existed right here in Portsmouth. Learn about George Teamoh and others who work in the Gosport Navy Yard before, during and after the Civil War. Admission is FREE as part of our First Weekends, First Saturdays programming series at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard Museum.

FRIENDS LECTURE SERIES— February 13th @ 7pm

Wrecks & Rescues: The U.S. Life-Saving Service and Wrecks of the Virginia Coast

Between the years 1878 and 1915, over 600 shipwrecks were documented along the Virginia coast. Sponsored by the Friends of the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard Museum join us as we host Kathryn Fisher, Director of the Old Coast Guard Station Museum as she discusses some of the tragic shipwrecks and how the United States Life-Saving Service (predecessor of the Coast Guard) aided to those in distress. Ms. Fischer will also discuss the mission of the Old Coast Guard Station Museum and the service it continues to provide with educating the general public about the Life-Saving Service. This presentation is FREE. Presented by the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard Museum | 757-393-8591 www.portsmouthnavalshipyardmuseum.com

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