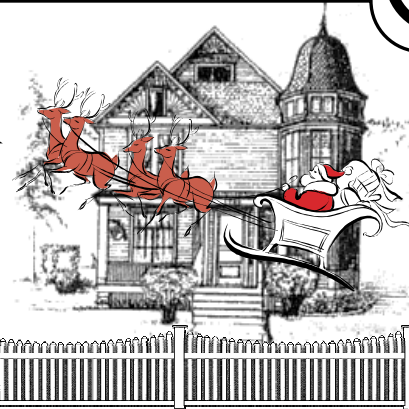




PORCH TALK

December 2011

Merry Christmas!



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Next Civic League Meeting

Port Norfolk Recreation Center at 432 Broad Street

Thursday December 1, 2011 7:00 pm

Our Annual Holiday Potluck Dinner

Bring a Dish to Share

Good Neighbors—Good Food—Good Times!

Civic League News & Events

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

We are excited to announce some of our 2012 Speakers! Plan to attend and participate in the discussions following this diverse group of speakers.

- * *January: Portsmouth Police Dept Chief Edward Hargis*
- * *February: Director, Portsmouth Economic Development Patrick Small*
- * *March: David O'Donnell, Producer of FBI: Criminal Pursuit*
- * *April: Terry Danaher - PortsEvents / Portsmouth Farmer's Market*

(Babysitters are available at meetings; please feel free to bring your children with you!)

Holiday Tour of Historic Homes:

This year's tour will be held on Sunday, December 4, 2011, 3–7pm. Advance ticket price is \$12.00. Tickets may be purchased at the Village Hair Design and Pizza Box, located in Port Norfolk and Kitchen Koop and Anderson-Wright Garden and Rooms in Olde Towne Portsmouth. This year's event will have musical entertainment, a Victorian Doll House raffle, bonfires along tour route and Portsmouth Mounted Police.

We are asking all Port Norfolk residents to join us to make the tour spectacular! Get in the HOLIDAY SPIRIT and light up your homes with Christmas decorations! Judging for decorations will be Saturday, December 3, 2011. We still need an army of elves to help support this wonderful event! Please go to our website for further information, or speak with Yvonne DeSiano. She can be reached via phone or email: (757) 399-7526 or dcandoco1@cox.net.

Port Norfolk Neighborhood Watch:

Why should I participate in the Neighborhood Watch?

When your neighbors tell you a bike was stolen from their garage or they suspect drug activity going on in a nearby home, you just shake your head. After all, crime can happen anywhere, right? But you can help reduce these incidents and get to know your neighbors better by joining the neighborhood watch. In the process, you help raise property values and lower insurance premiums for the entire neighborhood.

Property crimes—burglary, vandalism, and auto theft—make up more than 75% of criminal behavior in the U.S., according to the US Dept of Justice. Many police and neighborhood watch veterans believe that active watch groups can make a neighborhood more desirable, which raises property values. Organizing a neighborhood watch can bring you closer to neighbors, improve community safety and potentially boost home values.

Make 2012's New Year's Resolution "to become a partner in your neighborhood" and join the Neighborhood Watch kickoff in 2012!

(Excerpted from coldwellbankerprime.com)

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

Port Norfolk's NEAT Officer is Kelly Funkhouser. Please contact her if you see anything suspicious happening in the neighborhood: (757) 235-5665

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

2011 Port Norfolk Civic League Membership Form

Name: _____ Birthday Month(s): _____
Address: _____ Park Donation: _____
Phone: _____ Email Address: _____

Mail or drop this form with \$5.00 for each membership to Gail Hoofnagle at 2919 Adriatic.
Park donations should be mailed to Port Norfolk Civic League, P.O. Box 7114, Portsmouth VA 23707.

Birthdays

Wishing everyone who celebrates a birthday in December a very happy and wonderful day!



*Chris Beavers, Reginald Cooper, Yvonne DeSiano,
Benny Hoofnagle and Monse Pacheco*

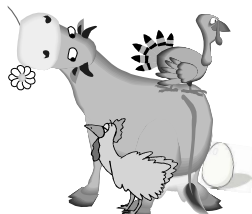
Birthdays are obtained from the League membership list.
If you would like to recognize someone's special day,
please email porchtalk@portnorfolk.org

Christmas Lights too much? Decorate Your Door!

While everyone loves to look at twinkly lights and greenery draped over a house, and decorations hung from the top of chimney with care, not everyone wants to do all of that work. That is why we are proposing the "Decorate Your Door" contest! This year, along with the judging for whole house decorations, we are also going to be looking at doors! So "Deck Your Entrance Hall" and give us something to look at on December 3rd as our judges go from house to house, looking for those doors that are well and truly decked!

The Chicken, Egg, Turkey & Beef!

Tatjana Adam's house, 107 Douglas Avenue, is now a pick-up location for locally grown, natural and antibiotic-free, pasture raised poultry, eggs, turkey and beef. Support your local economy and buy the healthiest food for your family. Contact befarm@mac.com to place an order!



Porch Talk Classified Ads

For complete advertising information, as well as special limited time pricing offers, please visit our website: www.portnorfolk.org

December Happenings in and around Port Norfolk:

December 1 - 31

Winter Wonderland - The Coleman Collection

Now in its seventh year at the Courthouse Galleries, the tradition continues.

December 2

First Friday in Olde Town: 5-8pm

Music for the Holidays with Skye Zentz: 5-8pm

Courthouse Galleries Art Annex

December 3

Holiday Farmers Market: 9am—1pm

Court and High Street

Olde Town Antiques to Flea Market: 9am—2pm

Middle Street Garage

Sports around the World Family Fun Day: 11am—3pm

Virginia Sports Hall of Fame & Museum

Nautical Holidays: 10am—5pm

Portsmouth Naval Shipyard

December 4

Historic Port Norfolk Holiday Tour of Homes: 3-7pm

Port Norfolk Community Center

December 9-10

Olde Towne Candlelight Home Tour:

Friday: 5-9pm & Saturday: 1-5pm

December 10

Holiday Farmers Market: 9-1pm

17th Annual Santa Claus Shuffle 5k Race & 1m Fun Run

Check in begins at 7am— nTelos Wireless Pavilion

14th Annual Olde Town Holiday Music Festival: 12-6pm

High Street

Nautical Holidays: 10am-5pm

Portsmouth Naval Shipyard

Here Comes Santa Parade: 5:30pm

High Street Landing to Court Street

A Heroes Holiday: 10am—5pm

Virginia Sports Hall of Fame & Museum—Toys for Tots Donations

December 10-11

Children's Christmas Shoppe: Saturday, 10am—4pm and

Sunday, 12:30pm—4:00pm Trinity Episcopal Church

December 11

Virginia Youth Symphony Holiday Concert: 7:30pm

New Colony Theater

December 17

Nautical Holidays: 10am—5pm

Portsmouth Naval Shipyard

Pet Photos with Santa at Winter Wonderland: 11:30 - 2:30pm

Courthouse Galleries. Donations for Portsmouth Humane Society!

Hurrah Players Performance: 2pm

Children's Museum of Virginia

December 24:

Nautical Holidays: 10am—5pm

Portsmouth Naval Shipyard

December 31:

**14th Annual olde Towne Scottish Walk:
3:30pm**

Queen and Washington Streets



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