



# SHEA TERRACE

## CIVIC LEAGUE NEWSLETTER

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Spring, 2013

### Next Civic League Meeting

Location: **FLAGSHIP RESTAURANT**

Date: **March 25, 2013**

Time: **7:00 PM to 8:30PM**



### Meeting Agenda:

Donna Corbus

Please join us for the next Civic League meeting with Portsmouth City Recycling Coordinator Donna Corbus. Find out how you can get rid of your old paint, oil, old electronics, etc.

### Shea Terrace Cares

Several weeks ago, I sent out an appeal to the neighborhood to assist a Shea Terrace family in need. They were facing a bleak Christmas. Thanks to the generosity of this community, four kids, ranging in age from 2 to 10 years, had their Christmas in a warm house.

Shea Terrace residents donated a total of \$455.00 towards rent. Our neighboring church, Calvary Baptist, donated \$600 and three baskets of food. 1<sup>st</sup> Presbyterian Church also donated food for the family.

To all who donated, thank you. Your kindness and generosity helped keep a family housed and intact. Thanks also to the faith community of Portsmouth for ongoing counseling and support.

### Attempted Break-in

There was an attempted break-in of a house in the 200 block of Idlewood on March 6<sup>th</sup>. The burglar kicked-in the back door, only to be surprised by a very annoyed family dog. Nothing was stolen and the dog was waiting for his master when he returned home (Spunky had lots to tell him about and proceeded to do so as soon as his car pulled up).

Most burglaries occur during the daylight hours when most are at work. If you are at home during the day as see something suspicious... **REPORT IT.** Call 911 and let the police check it out. Portsmouth Police Department collects reports of all kinds and uses advanced mathematical models to predict where crime occurs. Help them help you.

## SAVE THE DATE

May 11, 2013

Shea Terrace

Neighborhood Yard Sale

call Pat Pfeifer

397-6043

# New Treasurer Needed

Spencer Greer, our civic league treasurer, is a Chief Petty Officer in the US Coast Guard. As most of us know, all branches of the military are subject to "orders" that can and do reassign them to places far away from where they currently reside. Such is the case with Chief Greer.

Spencer will be transferring out of our area in June. If you or someone you know wants to get involved in our neighborhood, this is an excellent opportunity to do so. We will be accepting nominations on our next meeting, March 25<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions, please contact me at [president@sheaterrace.com](mailto:president@sheaterrace.com).



## Our New NIO

In case you did not meet him at our last civic league meeting, we have a new Neighborhood Impact Officer, Sean Hughes.

Officer Sean Hughes is the NIO for Shea Terrace, London Oaks, and up town. He is a 6 year veteran of the Portsmouth Police Department. Prior to coming to PPD, NIO Hughes worked for the federal government as a police officer and served our country as a member of the US Army. He is a life-long resident of Hampton roads. He enjoys skeet shooting and hiking in his off time.

You can contact NIO Hughes on his cell at (757) 235-4556, or you can email him at [hughess@portsmouthva.gov](mailto:hughess@portsmouthva.gov).

The NIO program is a great asset to Portsmouth in general and Shea Terrace specifically. Situations that are an ongoing issue should be referred to Sean so he can look into the situation. Many times, problems can be resolved at the lowest possible level. For urgent law enforcement issues that are time sensitive, CALL 911 immediately.

## Why Have a Civic League?

Ever notice the lovely decorations at the entrance to the neighborhood and the beautiful flowers in the park? Thank the Beautification Committee. Glad we have a yard sale each year? That's us. Want a newsletter to keep up to date on things every once in a while? Well...that's us too.

Most of the time, the Civic League functions adequately with the 8 or so people who participate out of a neighborhood of 400 houses who participate. We nag the city to fix street lights, sweep the streets, pick up stray garbage, and get the park mowed when the grass gets high.

The real reason we need to be here, though, is because the City can't talk to all 400 of us when they need input. They have to know that we will be here and that we will have our say about what they intend to do.

When a really serious issue arises, like a chemical company who wants to sneak in and spew sulfur all over us, we HAVE to be here to organize and respond. We HAVE to have a President with an email and phone to contact. Presidents sacrifice a lot of time to this volunteer job. So please, consider showing up to participate in a meeting.

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