



SHEA TERRACE

CIVIC LEAGUE NEWSLETTER

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Next Civic League Meeting

LOCATION: DOCK OF THE BAY
RESTAURANT (FORMERLY FLAGSHIP)

DATE: JUNE 9, 2014

Time: 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM



Please join us for the next Civic League meeting. Items for discussion include:

- Status of Dock of the Bay's ABC License
- Hurricane season preparations and actions
- Handling neighborhood disputes and documenting illegal activity
- Infrastructure repair on Constitution Avenue

Hurricane Season

From Dana Woodson

Hurricane Season began Sunday, June 1st, and the City of Portsmouth encourages our employees, residents, and businesses to get ready!

The State Coordinator for the Virginia Department of Emergency Management had a very informative guest column in the Virginian-Pilot. [Clear here to see it.](#)

Please take the time to prepare for hurricane season, which is June 1st through November 30th. Make a Plan, Get a Kit, and Stay Informed!

Dock of the Bay... Open for Business!

by Bruce Bremer



Dock of the Bay is open. The décor is bright and the food is fresh! Sean Duffee has been serving the best food I've had here in my 15 years as a Shea Terrace resident.



To start, my shrimp and scallops appetizer was professionally presented wrapped in bacon and adorned with a dollop of house-crafted BBQ sauce. The last time I had food served this well, I was in San Francisco.

I could go on about the tempura shrimp tacos with the house picante sauce, but I'm starting to drool on my laptop. The only thing missing is a nice glass of wine... but we're working on it.

Love my house, can't stand my neighbor

Shea Terrace is one of the best (if not the best) neighborhood in Tidewater. Our crime stats are incredibly low and the homes present that "Leave it to Beaver" atmosphere that so many of us love. That is the rule.

Of course, there is at least one exception to every rule and you might live next to it. So, what do you do?

First, realize that many of us come from different backgrounds and even cultures, so a certain amount of tolerance may be in order. Communication can help if you can understand the reason for the irritation and the other person can understand where you are coming from. This is settling matters at the lowest level and usually results in the best outcome.

But what if that doesn't work? What if the problem is criminal in nature? Call our NIO, Officer Whitney Ray at cell phone number 715-3641 or email at rayw@portsmouthva.gov. If there is a crime in progress, call 911.

If the problem is more of a neighborhood quality matter involving city code, our code inspector is Richard Moisant. He can be reached at 393-8531, ext. 4266 or by email at moisantr@portsmouthva.gov.

If there is a long-standing issue, three words of advice... document, document, document. Writing the facts down on paper gives you time to cool off and respond rather than react. Many times we feel differently about a situation when we give ourselves some space to get perspective. In those cases of righteous indignation, dispassionately setting out the facts provides Officer Ray and Inspector Moisant the tools they need to enforce both the law and city code.

This is what you need to document:

- Date and time of the offense.
- Nature and extent of the offense.
- Who is committing the offense, or...
- A detailed description of the offender
- Any background information that might answer the question "Why?"

Send your information, along with any photo evidence, to our NIO or Code Inspector.

Infrastructure Repair on Constitution Avenue



Bids have gone out for contractors to improve the sewer infrastructure on Constitution Avenue in Shea Terrace. Many residents have noticed the big white trucks "bubbling out" the sewers several times each week. This improvement will correct that problem. Bids will go out soon and are set to start in about sixty days. Prior to any work, the contractor is required to provide 48 hours' notice. The work will be done sequentially, without the entire street torn up at once. Any water shut off (except in an emergency) requires 48 hours written notice by the contractor to the residents.

We may be inconvenienced temporarily by this improvement, but the ultimate result will be worthwhile to all of us.

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