



SHEA TERRACE

CIVIC LEAGUE NEWSLETTER

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2015

Next Civic League Meeting

LOCATION: DOCK OF THE BAY

DATE: MARCH 10, 2015
Time: 7:00 PM to 8:30



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

- **Changes to streets and traffic control affecting Shea Terrace residents. Meet Portsmouth's traffic engineer!**
- **Crime statistics, citizen reporting, and home security... meet Portsmouth PD's guru of crime stats!**
- **Tools available to residents from the city's web site from fighting crime to reporting pot holes.**

Spring 2015 Yard Sale

Spring is coming... don't let the weather fool you. It's right around the corner and planning for the Shea Terrace Spring 2015

Crime Stats at Your Finger-tips



The Portsmouth Police Department has been actively improving their web site,

<http://www.portsmouthpd.us/>.

Under the Crime Analysis tab, there are some very important tools available to you. One of these is RAIDS Online.

(<http://www.raidsonline.com/?address=portsmouth,va>)

Both this web site and its associated smart phone apps (available at no cost for both iPhone and Android) map the reported crimes throughout Portsmouth. Included are the date and time, type of incident, and the case number. Position pins are slightly offset geographically to protect victim privacy.

Another resource link is

www.myneighborhoodupdate.net.

This interactive site even reports how many patrol cars were dispatched for any given event.

Winter Ice Hasn't Left Us Yet!

By Bruce Bremer



I will let you in on a secret... when you slip and fall on ice, it hurts. When you slip and fall on your front porch steps, it hurts a lot. I learned this lesson in "concrete reality" the hard way. Just because your steps were clear when you went to bed, it doesn't mean that they are just as safe when you get up in the morning.

Area stores have been out of de-icing products, such as rock salt for some time. Lowes in Elizabeth City received a surprise shipment of 40 lb bag ice melt recently, but there is no telling how long that supply will last.

Kitty litter does a good job providing traction and preventing falls. The only drawback is the amount of mud you track into your house as the ice melts.

Lesson learned... stock up on deicer in the fall before the weather gets cold. In the meantime, keep checking local hardware stores and share with your neighbors when a shipment arrives in town.



Report a pothole or other issues... online

The City of Portsmouth web site has a built-in form for those of us who want to get their favorite pothole repaired. Just navigate your browser to <http://www.portsmouthva.gov/feedbackform/general.aspx>

This is the city's general feedback form. You can report other concerns as well. One neat feature is the ability to attach files, such as pictures to help you fully describe the

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? Lose a pet and contact the webmaster? 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 households. 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

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