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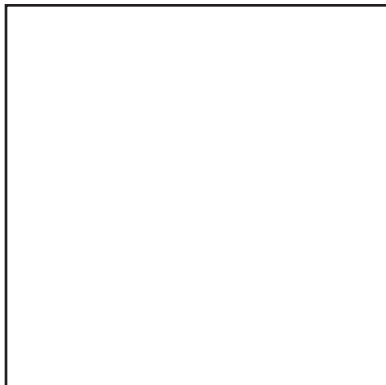
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THE NEWSLETTER OF THE PORTSMOUTH CLEAN COMMUNITY COMMISSION

Clean Your Files Day!

From the Mayor



On April 22, 1999, Portsmouth City Departments are preparing to celebrate Earth Day in a special way. The Portsmouth Clean Community Commission and the Office of the Mayor will kick off the environmental event with a clean up within city hall and surrounding city offices. (This event is a project of the U.S. Conference of Mayors and the National Office Paper Recycling Project.)

Prizes* will be awarded to the individual and their department that guesses the weight of the paper that the bulk container holds. Posters, stickers, and information on the event are available in the Office

of the Clean Community Commission on the 4th floor of city hall. The office can be reached at 393-5628.

Each city department has designated a liaison to work with the Commission in organizing this event. Tidewater Fibre, will provide a 40 cubic yard roll-off container for our "donates" of recycle paper. There will be an intra-departmental contest to see who rids itself of the most "acceptable paper."

Acceptable items include: adding machine paper, coated/uncoated papers, checks, colored paper (not including bright paper), computer print out paper, copy paper, envelopes (without windows), letterhead, NCR-carbon free forms, fax paper, sorted direct mail, typing paper, and white writing paper.

Unacceptable items include: cardboard, brown paper, catalogs, window envelopes, dark-colored paper, file folders, varnished papers, magazines, newspapers, phone books, pressure sensitive labels, post-it notes, and wax coated papers.

Contaminants are: non-paper items (adhesives, styrofoam, plastics), paper cups and plates, paper food containers, binders, tissues, napkins, paper towels, trash or garbage, coffee filters, and carbon paper.

Join us in this fun and worthwhile project!

**Prizes donated by the Departments of: Marketing, Museums & Tourism; Citizen & Community Outreach; Parks & Recreation; PortsEvents; Tidewater Fibre; and the Clean Community Commission.*

Next Scheduled
Operation Clean Up
Portsmouth Clean Ups:

Phase 2

4/17 & 18 Prentice Place

Phase 3

4/23 & 24 Simonsdale

Phase 4

5/15 Olde Towne

Phase 5

6/18 & 6/19

Highland Biltmore

Phase 6

6/25 & 26 Ebony Heights

Call 393-5628 for container locations. Fliers will be distributed to your civic league the week of the clean up.

Seniors, elderly, disabled call us at 393-5628 if you need assistance from the U.S.S. George Washington or the U.S.S. Dwight D. Eisenhower to aid you in this massive clean up effort!



'Getting Carded' in Port Norfolk and Cradock

By *Claudia Cox-Wynn and Barbara Ward*

Litter is a national problem that degrades our neighborhoods. Trash piling up lowers the overall perception of a community and property values.¹ The state of Virginia spends \$25 million a year cleaning up loose trash.

The City of Portsmouth's Police Department and Portsmouth Clean Community Commission have become partners in a new approach that will help us remember our responsibility to keep the community clean. We have targeted the communities of Cradock and Port Norfolk as pilot projects to use Litter Offender Citation Cards, that can be distributed by residents. We will be sending residents of these communities cards to be used to cite litter offenses when they occur in their community. The self-addressed card can be dropped in the mail with the offenders license plate number and other identifying information about the incident and mailed to the Police Department. The offender will then receive a citation from the commission.

We are all susceptible to becoming litterbugs. A piece of trash falls out of the can at the curb, we leave it, it blows away and becomes litter on the loose. Someone throws a cigarette butt out the window, and buildup occurs curbside setting an ugly trend. We all create litter and we can all help to stop it. People litter because they feel no sense of owner-

ship. They believe someone else will pick up after them.

What can you do to prevent litter? (1) Set an example by not littering! (2) Carry a litterbag in your car. (3) Make sure trashcans have lids that can be securely fastened. (4) If you own a business, check dumpsters daily for spillage.

What can you do if litter has accumulated?

(1) Report areas where people have illegally dumped garbage and debris (such as roofing materials) to the **Division of Neighborhood Quality at 393-8522**. (2) Observed litter offenses or dumping should be reported to the **Police at 558-2824**. (3) Improper disposal of bulk refuse should be reported to the **Waste Management at 393-8663**. Become informed about this project, about litter, and how you can make a difference.

Volunteer to help organize a clean up! Call us for details at 393-5628!



¹See: <http://www.Director@pwcleanCouncil.org>

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