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### Recognition 2002 -

### Summoning Service for a Cleaner Community

Portsmouth's 'ambassadors of clean' sponsored their 5th annual Recognition Banquet on October 22nd at the Sand Bar Center of the Naval Medical Center. This festive occasion sported linen table cloths sprinkled with glittered stars, and pansies. This was the Commission's annual opportunity to acknowledge all who have aided in meeting the challenge of helping Portsmouth clean up its act.

**Operation Clean Up Portsmouth** winners were awarded plaques and recognized for their community improvement efforts.

All together these groups collected over **145,130 lbs.** of bulk from early spring to the end of the summer. These civic groups were also awarded free passes for the use of Bide-A-Wee Golf Course and golfcarts, compliments of **Andy Giles\*** and Bide-A-Wee.



Table set for a Star

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The Recognition Contest Winners were also announced at the Banquet. Applications were submitted in the categories of outstanding individual; community group; governmental organization; or other category. The following were awarded in ranked order with the most points accumulated as assigned by a volunteer judge's panel:

#### Contest Winners

- ☆ **West Park View Community League**  
Outstanding Community Group & Mayor's Outstanding Achievement Award
- ☆ **Master Gardeners of Virginia Cooperative Extension**  
Outstanding Governmental Organization & Chairman's Outstanding Achievement Award

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At this year's event over 65 attendees and over 50 Adopt-A-Spot participants were recognized with certificates of appreciation, a banquet styled dinner, and mementos of thanks for volunteer service. Keynote speaker **Captain Eugene Taylor of the Hampton Roads Jail**, familiarized the audience with its community service program and efforts, and explained how they had won place recognition in last year's 2001 Clean Community Commission Recognition Contest.

The **Adopt-A-Spot program** is an integral key to the success of the Clean Community Commission. These 50+ spots cover over 50 square miles within the city of Portsmouth. The spot holders pledge to beautify and keep the spots litter-free if possible. A myriad of church groups, civic leagues, and community groups participate in this program annually and make a significant impact on litter clean up in the city.



#### Operation Clean-up Portsmouth Awards

- 1 place** Churchland West Civic League and its president Ventry Smith
- 2 place** was Wilson Ward Civic League of Truxtun and its president Sandra Shuler
- 3 place** went to Parkview Civic League and its clean up coordinator Tom Powers and civic league president Al Tyler

