

# Communicator

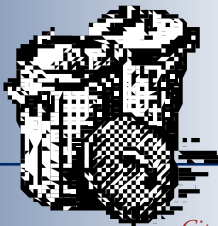
## The Clean

### Regulations on Garbage and Bulk Refuse Collection

Did you know that the Portsmouth City Code regulates garbage and bulk refuse collection? The ultimate goal of all of these regulations is to improve the quality and appearance of our neighborhoods. These regulations can be found in Chapter 16 of the Code (Garbage and Refuse). A summary of some of the more important regulations are listed below. Many of these regulations have been in effect for years and some are new, effective October 1, 2006. For the next few months, city staff will be working with residents to “educate” them regarding these regulations. Flyers will be sent in all public utility bills, information will be available on the city's web site (look under Waste Management), and a short video is now airing on Channel 48.

#### Refuse Collection Rules and Regulations

- Bulk refuse is to be placed at the curb no sooner than the day before your normal collection and no later than 7:00 a.m. the day of collection.
- Bulk refuse must be placed away from parked cars, power lines, tree branches, cable boxes and water meters.
- Bulk refuse piles shall be no greater than 8ft x 10ft x 8ft in height. Items that will not be picked up are debris generated by contractors, hazardous materials and automobile parts.
- Trees cut down by a contractor or tree parts greater than 18” in diameter must be removed by the contractor or private waste hauler.
- Garbage cans should be placed for collection at any time after 5:00 p.m. the day before collection and by 7:00 a.m. the day of collection.
- Empty garbage cans must be removed from the curb by 7:00 p.m. the day of collection



**VIOLATIONS OF THESE RULES AND REGULATIONS MAY RESULT IN FINES OR ASSESSED PENALTIES ON REAL ESTATE BILLS.**

For additional information contact:

City of Portsmouth • Waste Management Division • 757-393-8663 • or e-mail us at: [citytrash@portsmouthva.gov](mailto:citytrash@portsmouthva.gov)

#### Did you know...?

- There are no exemptions from the monthly refuse fee.
- Landlords are responsible for removing all debris from the curb after evictions.
- Yard waste (leaves and grass) must be placed in clear plastic bags not to exceed 25 pounds and placed for collection at the same time as garbage cans.
- Special arrangements are available for disabled citizens (please call 393-8663).
- Special arrangements are available for move-ins and move-outs (please call 393-8663).
- A second garbage can may be purchased from the city by residents.
- Appliances set out for collection must be empty and the doors removed.
- Call SPSA at 548-2256 for information on recycling and household hazardous waste disposal.

### Neighborhood and Community Transformation

The USS George Washington is back and ready to help the City of Portsmouth move forward to achieve the City's Councils vision for neighborhood and community transformation. Since September, over 375 Sailors have helped remove approximately 8,000 pounds of litter and debris from the streets of Portsmouth. Members of the USS George Washington are also volunteering to assist other City departments and have teamed up with Portsmouth Public Schools to help teachers continue to “Chart a course for success.”



USS George  
Washington at  
Wilson Ward



# Yard of the Month Winners

Mr. & Mrs. David Caddy, 5210 High Street, West



Help us recognize a beautiful yard or business in your community. Submit a nomination for a worthy yard or business to: [smithy@portsmouthva.gov](mailto:smithy@portsmouthva.gov) Include a picture and an address. Nominations can also be sent to:

*The City of Portsmouth  
Clean Community Commission • 801 Crawford Street • Portsmouth, VA 23704*

## Clean Business Recognition Winner



*TowneBank  
6210 Portsmouth  
Boulevard*



*Councilman Douglas Smith, General Manager Sandra Imel, George Zenisek, L. Oliver Cox, Jr.; Vice Chair Peppy Owens*

## Adopt-A-Spot Program



**H**ave you noticed an area around your community that could use a little TLC? Do you want to know what you can do to help?

The Portsmouth Clean Community Commission has a solution. Adopting a spot to maintain is a straightforward approach to improving the Community that will help you gain notoriety and merit. Why not Adopt-a-Spot? Everyone from the US Navy to Jr ROTC, Sororities, and Churches are all working together to help make Portsmouth prettier.

*For more information visit our website  
at: [www.portsmouthva.gov/cleancom](http://www.portsmouthva.gov/cleancom) and click on the  
Adopt-a Spot Program or give us a call, 393-5628.*

## OPERATION: CLEAN UP PORTSMOUTH

Spring is approaching and its time to make sure that your neighborhood is scheduled to participate in Operation: Clean Up Portsmouth 2007. If you want your neighborhood to participate, here's what you have to do:

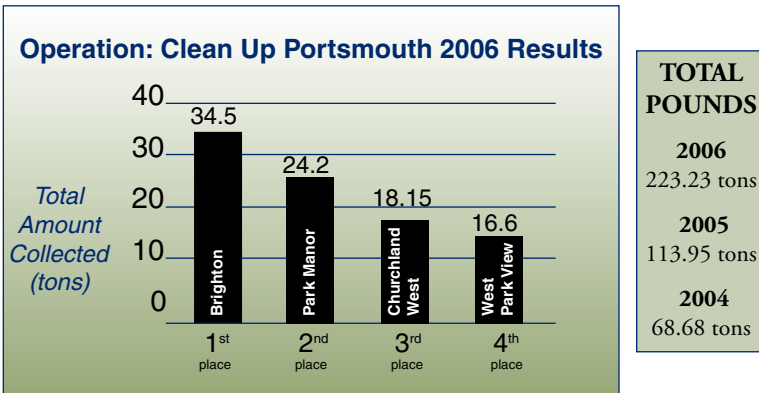
1. Designate 1 person as your point of contact to coordinate with the Clean Community Commission.
2. Choose 4 locations to place containers in your neighborhood for one weekend.
3. Contact Mr. White with Waste Management at 393-8663 let him know that you want to schedule containers for community clean up.
4. Contact Yilla Smith, at 393-5628 and let her know your dates and container locations.



# RECOGNITION 2006

*"Taking the time to recognize hard work and excellence in the Community"*

## OPERATION CLEAN-UP PORTSMOUTH 2006



## MOST IMPROVED COMMUNITY



*Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Johnson,*

### Churchland West

YEAR	2006	2005	2004	2003
POUNDS	36,300	18,460	27,460	28,160

## 2006 Community Champion



*Brenda Turner & the Preziotti Family*

The Joseph Preziotti Jr. Memorial Award was presented to Brenda Turner for her outstanding contribution to the West Park View Community League and the City of Portsmouth. Ms. Turner, former Clean Community Commission Beautification Chair, member of the West Park View Civic League and a well know Portsmouth resident, goes above and beyond her civic duty to help make her community and the City of Portsmouth a better place.

## 2006 Clean Community Awards



*1st Place Mayor's Outstanding Award  
Scout Troop #244 Cradock*

*2nd Place Chairman's  
Outstanding Award  
Brenda Turner*



*3rd Place Outstanding Organization  
USS Harry S. Truman  
Group picture Clean the  
Bay Day 2006*



### I Love Earth and So Should You

*By Lindsay Hecton  
2nd Grade- St. Peter School  
Dayton, Ohio*

Litter litter everywhere.  
Pick up here pick up there.  
Help clean up litter it's not hard to  
do if you help me and I help you.  
Don't mess with Earth or pollute.  
If you love Earth you watch what  
you do and pick up litter when you  
see it even when you didn't do it.  
If you want to save the Earth don't  
litter, reduce, reuse and recycle.

*Take Pride Poetry  
2nd Place Winner 2006*

# Commission *Notes from the*



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### *The Clean Communicator*

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## 2006 What a Year!

**76 Clean Up Events for the fiscal year**

**1,334 Volunteers**

**524,744 pounds of bulk debris collected**



### **OPERATION CLEAN-UP PORTSMOUTH**

34 Community Clean-Ups

446,460 pounds of bulk debris collected



### **CLEAN THE BAY DAY 2006**

16 Sites

587 Volunteers • 289 Military

34,078 lbs of litter and  
debris collected

15.7 miles of waterways and  
shorelines

### **ADOPT-A-SPOT**

49,276 Pounds of litter and debris collected

596 Volunteers • 37.87 Miles

## **City of Portsmouth**

**Clean Community Commission**

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