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**MUSEUM MADNESS**  
**A Haunting Day of Halloween Fun at the Portsmouth Museums**

On Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2011 from 12:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m., the Portsmouth Museums are celebrating Halloween with a variety of frightfully fun activities, including a tour of a haunted ship! The Portsmouth Museums include the Children's Museum of Virginia, the Courthouse Galleries, the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard Museum, and the Lightship PORTSMOUTH.

The Lightship *Portsmouth* is transformed into the *Frightship* for Museum Madness! Board this haunted vessel to hear pirate tales, and meet the ghosts of sailors & pirates past. At the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard Museum, listen to scary stories, and make a pirate flag or a porthole monster. Decorate real pumpkins, listen to music from Skye Zentz, and have your face-painted in the Courtyard of the Courthouse Galleries. Inside the Children's Museum of Virginia, create Halloween crafts and enjoy magic shows. All activities are included with paid admission to the Portsmouth Museums, and children are encouraged to dress in costume to the event.

Following *Museum Madness*, families can enjoy trick or treating along the seven historic blocks of High Street corridor between Effingham Street and Water Street from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm. The Olde Towne Safe Trick or Treat is sponsored by the Olde Towne Business Association for children up to age 12.

To find out more about *Museum Madness*, please contact Katie Barnes at (757) 393-8591 or via email at: [barnesk@portsmouthva.gov](mailto:barnesk@portsmouthva.gov).

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