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Cradock Civic League Meetings

Remember they are always the First Tuesday in the Month!

01-02-07 Civic League Meeting - Cradock Community Center, 7 pm

02-06-07 Civic League Meeting - Cradock Community Center, 7 pm

03-06-07 Civic League Meeting - Cradock Community Center, 7 pm

Cradock's New Civic League Board for 2007-2009!

The Cradock Civic League has elected a new board of officers for 2007 to 2009. A wonderful thank you to our past board. Your sacrifice, dedication and work enriched the community of Cradock.

Thank you 2005-2007 Officers:

President: Michelle Gregg
Vice President: Chris Duer
Secretary: Jean Bondy
Treasurer: Dottie Wyatt

The New Board of Officers:

President: Laura Somers
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Vice President: Dolores Knight
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Treasurer: Jim Jacobs
 (757) 558-1606
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 (757) 515-3739
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So please come join us in the New Year!

Cradock Housing Advisory Group!

PRHA (Portsmouth Redevelopment Housing Authority) and the City Of Portsmouth's Planning Department are working with local Cradock residents to improve the physical environment of Cradock. The advisory group will look at the redevelopment Plan and Urban Design Associates Plan, utilize outside sources for rehabilitation, and Code Enforcement. If you want to participate on this board and find out the meeting time and location please contact:

Erika Maciula
 Development Real Estate Assistant
 Phone: (757) 391-2910
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A Message From The President, Laura Somers

To Cradock Residents,

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve this community. My name is Laura Somers and I have agreed to accept the position as President of the Cradock Civic League for the next two years. I reside at 5 Irwin with my husband of 22 years and have 2 children who also reside in Cradock. I would like to thank the out going board for all they have done over the past two year term. As the new board takes over we have decided to make membership and this newsletter our goals for the first year.

The Civic league is comprised of concerned members of the community that come together to better the neighborhood in which they live, work, and play.

This newsletter has been revitalized because I feel that every member of the community needs to know what is happening in our neighborhood. It will be delivered to every home once per quarter. Our expectation is that you will use this as a resource to keep abreast of community activities. We further hope you will be inspired to join with your neighbors and become an active participant in the Civic League. As the resent SPSA/Covanta issue has taught us, a unified community can make a difference.

Membership is easy; \$5.00 (\$3.00 for persons 65 and older) will pay your dues for the entire year. The Civic League is open to all residents. This means you. Citizens from time to time have expressed concerns for the neighborhood. How can we take this one step further? By coming together as a community, it is no longer one person voicing their concerns, it is approximately 12,000 voices. Together, we can roll up our sleeves and begin to polish this diamond in the rough we call home ... we call Cradock! So it is time to get up off the couch and come to a Civic League meeting the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Community center on George Washington Hwy. This is our neighborhood, let your voice be heard and help make a difference in Cradock.

Sincerely,
 Laura Somers

WHO DO YOU CALL...

With a Question For The City?

Contact:
(757) 393-8000

About Crime?

Contact: NID: Ian McNett
(757) 235-5658

About Smell?

Contact: IST
 Virginia DEQ (Department Of Environmental Quality)

Milt Johnston
(757) 518-2151
mjohnston@deq.virginia.gov

Contact: ZND
 SPSA CAC Hotline number is
(757) 361-9002

About Litter and Debris?

Contact:
 City of Portsmouth's Clean Community Commission
(757) 393-5628

Add A Story to the Cradock Times?

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(757) 515-3739 or
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(757) 487-9386

Cradock Business Owners

Contact: Jackie Little
(757) 399-4905

Cradock Christian Academy

Contact: Laura Somers
(757) 588-0774

Helping Hands

Contact: Nanci Burton
(757) 558-6322

Cradock Middle School PTA

Contact: (757) 393-8788

Neighborhood Watch

Contact: Nancy Webber
(757) 397-7620

Greater Cradock Mer- chants Association

Contact: David Beechler
(757) 398-1988

James Hurst PTA

Contact: (757) 558-2811

Quality of Life Team For The Return of Paradise Creek

Contact: Dottie Wyatt
(757) 485-9471

VFW Ladies Auxiliary, Chapter 993

Contact: (757) 485-9498

DAV Chapter 41

Contact: (757) 485-1248

Lions Club

Contact: Bob Mills
(757) 397-8302

Neighborhood Quality Enhancement

Contact: Doug Bondy
(757) 397-6809

The Citizens Advisory Committee on Waste Management for Ports- mouth and SPSA

Contact: Felicia Blow or
Michael Metzger
(757) 420-4700

Alumni & Friends of Cradock

Contact: Bev Sell
(757) 857-1794

C.P.R. Cradock Preser- vation and Revitalization

Contact: Aubrey Brock
(757) 533-5520

Cradock Conservation and Redevelopment Plan Portsmouth Redvelop- ment and Housing Au- thority - www.prha.org

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The Starving Artist Festival

In May of 2006, Afton Square hosted the Starving Artist Festival. Craftsman and Local Artist displayed and sold their creations. Everything from great food, quilts, jewelry, paintings, and house/home wears. You name it, the Festival Had it!



Focus Historic Districts

The City of Portsmouth Brought Aboard Frazier Associates to Reinvent the Historic Guidelines and the CAR Process with Cradock Residents in June 2006. See the Cradock work shop presentation at the City of Portsmouth's Web Site at <http://www.portsmouthva.gov/planning/FocusHistoricDistricts/index.htm>

Patriotic Salute and Children's Bike Parade

Everyone came and celebrated 4th of July this Summer on Afton Square! The Children of Cradock kicked off the annual event with the Bike Parade! Patriots saluted the rich past of Cradock. Many thanks to Dottie Wyatt for an outstanding event. For INFO on July 4, 2007 call 485-9471.



Come Home To Cradock

In October, Afton Square once again hosted Cradock High School's annual reunion. Barbeque, music, train rides for the children, and memorabilia ga-

lore brought the square alive. Old friends reminisced about wonderful old times and new friends were made. It was the biggest and best reunion ever! So don't miss 2007! Bev Sell, CHS Alumni and Champion, with an outstanding committee of Alumni did Cradock proud. For more information about "Come Home To Cradock 2007" visit their website: <http://rqbing.tripod.com/CHS.html>

Christmas In Cradock!



Cradock kicked off the Christmas season with Christmas in Cradock on December 2nd. A long time tradition and always held the first Saturday in December. Cradock Families gathered to take photos with Santa under the beautifully decorated gazebo. The Cradock Civic League also took to the neighborhood streets in a quest for the best decorated homes for Christmas! A three hour scenic drive produced three grand prize winners and 25 honorable mentions! The grand prize winners received gift certificates from Lowes! Keep up the GREAT WORK! Don't Miss It In 2007!

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Cradock Residents Working With SPSA

The Citizens Advisory Committee on Waste Management for Portsmouth and SPSA

The Citizens Advisory Committee on Waste Management for Portsmouth and SPSA holds its regular meetings on the second Thursday of each month. Below is additional information on this group:

Who: Citizens Advisory Committee on Waste Management for Portsmouth and SPSA

What: The purpose of the Citizens Advisory Committee on Waste Management for Portsmouth and SPSA shall be to serve as an advisory body to the Southeastern Public Service Authority (SPSA) and the City of Portsmouth. Primary goals include, but are not limited to, environmental quality, enhancing

communications and creating a more beneficial partner relationship among SPSA, the Cradock community and the city of Portsmouth.

Where: Cradock Recreation Center, 4300 George Washington Highway, Portsmouth

When: Second Thursday of each month, at 6:30 PM

CAC Hotline: 361-9002

For more information, call Felicia Blow or Michael Metzger at (757) 420-4700 or send an e-mail to cac@spsa.com

WEB Site:

<http://www.spsa.com/Meeting/meeting.asp>