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**Cradock Civic League Meetings**

**Remember they are always the First Tuesday in the Month!**

**01-06-09** Civic League Meeting - Cradock Community Center, 7 pm

**02-03-09** Civic League Meeting - Cradock Community Center, 7 pm

**03-03-09** Civic League Meeting - Cradock Community Center, 7 pm

**04-07-09** Civic League Meeting - Cradock Community Center, 7 pm

## Cradock's New Civic League Board for 2009-2010!

The Cradock Civic League has elected a new board of officers for 2009 to 2010. A wonderful thank you to our past board. Your sacrifice, dedication and work enriched the community of Cradock.

**Thank you 2007-2008 Officers:**

**President:** Laura Somers  
**Vice President:** Dolores Knight  
**Recording Secretary:** Teresa Olsen  
**Corresponding Secretary:** Joanna Hall  
**Treasurer:** Jim Jacobs

**The New Board of Officers:**

**President:** Joanna Hall  
 (757) 515-3739  
[Joanna@historiccradock.org](mailto:Joanna@historiccradock.org)

**Vice President:** Vacant  
 Officer Needed

**Treasurer:** Jim Jacobs  
 (757) 558-1606  
[Jim@historiccradock.org](mailto:Jim@historiccradock.org)

**Rec. Secretary:** Angelina Richey  
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[Angelina@historiccradock.org](mailto:Angelina@historiccradock.org)

**Corr. Secretary:** Jennifer Piotrowski  
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So please come join us in the New Year!

## A Message From The President, Joanna Hall

To Cradock Residents,

*Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve the Cradock and West Cradock Communities. My name is Joanna Hall and I was elected to serve as the President of the Cradock Civic League for the next two years. I have resided at 92 Nicholson Street for the past three (3) years. I have served in the civic league for all three. 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 growth and community physical and social improvement our vision for 2009. We will work with the Neighborhood Quality Task Force on it's Vacant to Vibrant Campaign to deal with vacant and boarded up properties in Cradock. We will continue to work closely with NIO Bill Baker and Cradock Watch with Ted Lamb to reduce Crime and make Cradock the safest neighborhood in the City of Portsmouth. We must keep going because there is a great deal of work that needs to continue.*

*The Cradock Civic League is YOU. Without your support and membership, we can only do so much, but with it we can continue change the Cradock for the better. We need all of Cradock's residents to come together to better the neighborhood in which we live, work, and play.*

*Membership is easy; \$12.00 (\$6.00 for persons 65 and older) will pay your dues for the entire year. The Civic League is open to all residents. This means homeowners and renters, this means you.*

*The 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,  
 Joanna Hall,  
 President

## CRADOCK CIVIC LEAGUE MEMBERSHIP DRIVE IN 2009! ALL ARE WELCOME AND NEEDED!

If you have never attended a Cradock Civic League Meeting, make sure you do in 2009. There is allot going on in Cradock and we need everyone's help. The Civic League is asking past members to bring at least one new member for the months of January, February and March.

Did you enjoy SpringFest, the Children's Bike Parade on July 4th and Christmas in Cradock? Now you can help make them bigger and better for 2009! So come out to the Cradock Recreational Center the 1st Tuesday of each month.

## WHO DO YOU CALL...

### With a Question For The City?

Contact: (757) 393-8000

### About Crime?

Contact: NIO: Bill Baker  
 (757) 235-5658

### About Smell?

Contact: IST  
 Virginia DEQ (Department Of Environmental Quality)  
 Contact: Waste Division  
 Karen Sismour  
 (804) 698-4145 or  
 1-800-468-8892  
[kjsismour@deq.virginia.gov](mailto:kjsismour@deq.virginia.gov)  
 Contact: 2ND  
 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?

Contact: Joanna Hall  
 (757) 515-3739 or  
 email: [cradocktimes@cox.net](mailto:cradocktimes@cox.net)

## VACANT TO VIBRANT Campaign!

Martha Ann Creecy presented to the Cradock Civic League in 2008 the "VACANT TO VIBRANT CAMPAIGN" created by the Neighborhood Quality Task Force. The NQTF will work with City Staff, elected leaders, and volunteer organizations to hasten the rehabilitation and inhabitation of vacant properties in order to halt the spread of blight...

- Restore public safety, community morale, and property values in areas ravaged by abandonment.
- Improve tax and utility revenues and the image of the City.
- Turn the problem of vacant properties into a possibility for affordable workforce housing, especially for our police, firefighters, and educators.

### For more information:

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## GET INVOLVED WITH CRADOCK! BY JOINING IN!

### **Cradock Little League**

Angela Parker  
(757) 487-7242  
Registration Dates: January - March 2009

### **Boy Scouts—BSA Troop 233**

Contact: Mary Phillips  
(757) 487-9386

### **Cradock Business Owners**

Contact: Janette Whitley  
(757) 487-7710

### **Clean Community Commission**

Contact: Jennifer Piotrowski  
(757) 967-8922

### **Cradock Middle School PTA**

Contact: (757) 393-8788

### **Neighborhood Watch**

Contact: Ted Lamb  
(757) 483-4769

### **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: Mr. Trotter  
(757) 235-3147

### **The Citizens Advisory Committee on Waste Management for Portsmouth and SPSA**

Contact: Tom Grydale  
(757) 420-4700

### **Alumni & Friends of Cradock**

Contact: Bev Sell  
(757) 857-1794

### **C.P.R. Cradock Preservation and Revitalization**

Contact: Aubrey Brock  
(757) 533-5520

### **Cradock Conservation and Redevelopment Plan Portsmouth Redevelopment and Housing Authority**

Contact: Erika Maciula  
(757) 391-2910

### **Cradock's Yard of the Month**

Contact: **Cradock Civic League**  
(757) 337-8764

Email: cradocktimes@cox.net

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# The 2008 Year In Cradock—FUN!

**Spring Fest** on Saturday, May 3, 2008 was a great success. Thank you Ms. Dee Dee Strauss for all you wonderful work. Everyone should plan to be attend and be apart of this wonderful event in 2009.

## 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, 2009 call 485-9471.

## Come Home To Cradock

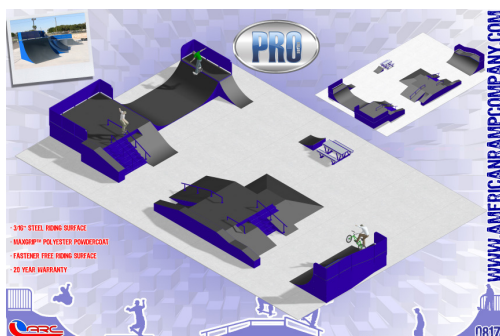
In October, Afton Square once again hosted Cradock High School's annual reunion. Barbeque, music, train rides for the children, and memorabilia galore brought the square alive. Old friends reminisced about wonderful old times and new friends where made. It was the biggest and best reunion ever! So don't miss 2009! Bev Sell, CHS Alumni and Champion, with an outstanding committee of Alumni did Cradock proud. For more information about "Come Home To Cradock 2009" visit their website: <http://rqbing.tripod.com/CHS.html>

## Christmas In Cradock!

Christmas In Cradock on December 6th was a huge success! THANK YOU BRENDA DARLENE AND PATTY VANDORN FOR ALL YOUR HARD WORK. A SPECIAL THANKS TO THE CITY OF PORTSMOUTH SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND THEIR WONDERFUL WORKCREW. WE COULD NOT

## POTENTIAL DEVELOPMENT OF SKATE PARK IN THE CITY OF PORTSMOUTH.

In, 2008, the Cradock Civic League has been working with Michael Morris the director of Parks, Recreation and Leisure Services for the City of Portsmouth to study the location and funding of a "large concrete skate park in Churchland Park and a smaller modular skate park at George Washington Park in Cradock. The modular skate park components are movable and would enable changes to be made periodically. *The picture below provides an example of what a modular skate park might look like:*




*HAVE DONE IT WITHOUT YOU AND ALL OUR WONDERFUL VOLUNTEERS such as Councilman Stephen E. Heretick as the Grinch! For the Christmas in Cradock Home Décor Contest. Three (3) winners were selected to receive Lowes' Gift Certificates and 12 honorable mentions received certificates of recognitions. See website for list of winners:*

- 1st Place:**  
307 Hanbury Road
- 2nd Place:**  
118 Afton Parkway
- 3rd Place:**  
9 Aylwin Road

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## Citizens Advisory Committee on Waste Management for Portsmouth and SPSA

THE NEW P.R. MANAGER IS

Mr. Tom Kreidel  
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Southeastern Public Service Authority (SPSA)  
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(M) 757-274-4734  
(F) 757-424-4133

## Clean Community Commission CRADOCK COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP DAYS At 9:00 AM IN AFTON SQUARE!

**Jan 17, 2009**

**Feb 21, 2009**

**Mar 21, 2009**

WE NEED EVERYONE'S HELP WITH PICKING UP LITTER!

Contact: Jennifer Piotrowski  
(757) 967-8922

The Cradock Civic League wrote a letter in 2008 to the Portsmouth City Council that the CCL "voted unanimously to allow the City of Portsmouth to use \$150,000 dollars of the \$340,000 budgeted for the Cradock neighborhood's revitalization efforts for the construction and development of a skate park, basketball courts and a playground in George Washington Park located on George Washington Highway within the Cradock Neighborhood. The goal is to phase the construction of the park attractions. The first phase would be construction of the skate park, the second phase would be the children's playground and the third and final phase would be the basketball courts. The park revitalization will greatly improve the quality of life for the children of Cradock and in all the neighborhoods located within it's vicinity. Cradock desire is to provide a positive social outlet for the children of Cradock and Portsmouth. We believe that the revitalization of George Washington Park can be a safe and constructive environment."

So stay tuned in to the skate park by attending the Cradock Civic League Meeting to get more information.