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## **Cradock Civic League Meetings**

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

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

**05-05-09** Civic League Meeting  
 - Cradock Community Center, 7 pm

**06-02-09** Civic League Meeting  
 - Cradock Community Center, 7 pm

**July / August — No Civic League Meetings**

## **WHO DO YOU CALL...**

### ***With a Question For The City?***

Contact:  
(757) 393-8000

### ***About Crime?***

Contact: NID: 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  
 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?***

Contact: Patti VanDorn  
(757) 337-8537 or  
email: [cradocktimes@cox.net](mailto:cradocktimes@cox.net)

## ***SPRING FEST***

**Saturday, May 2, 2009!**  
**From 10 am to 4 pm.**



***Here is the cure for your Spring Fever!***

***SPRING FEST IN CRADOCK ON AFTON SQUARE!***

***Are You Ready To Welcome Spring?!?!***

Join us to enjoy games, entertainment, food, and crafts. Cloggers "Fancy Feet" will perform along with many more. Its never to late to get involved. Contact Geneva "Dee Dee" Straus at (757) 397-1766!

**Are you a senior (65 and older) or disabled citizen in Cradock struggling to pay real estate tax?**

### Help Is Available!

THE PORTSMOUTH DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES ADMINISTERS THE TAX RELIEF PROGRAM FOR THE CITY OF PORTSMOUTH. THE TWO COMPONENTS OF THIS PROGRAM ARE DESIGNED TO EITHER REDUCE OR FREEZE THE REAL ESTATE TAX LIABILITY FOR ELDERLY AND/OR DISABLED HOMEOWNERS. A NEW APPLICATION MUST BE FILED EACH YEAR TO CONTINUE TAX RELIEF. APPLICATIONS WILL BE TAKEN AT THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES, 1701 HIGH ST., SUITE 101. FORMS ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE COMMISSIONER OF REVENUE AND CITY TREASURER, CITY HALL, 801 CRAWFORD PARKWAY, AND ALL PUBLIC LIBRARY BRANCHES. THE APPLICATION SOCIAL SERVICES WILL ASSIST IN COMPLETING THE APPLICATIONS AND ALSO NOTARIZE THE FORMS AT NO COST. FORMS ARE AUTOMATICALLY MAILED THE FIRST PART OF JANUARY TO INDIVIDUALS WHO WERE FOUND ELIGIBLE FOR PROGRAM BENEFITS IN THE PREVIOUS YEAR. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL 405-1800, EXT. 8251.

## ***A Message From The President, Joanna Hall***

Dear Neighbors,  
 We are gearing up for the kick-off of Cradock's wonderful annual events; such as Spring Fest (Saturday, May 2) and the July 4th Children's Bike Parade and Patriotic Salute as well as continuing to focus on membership. Our membership drive is bringing back past members and bringing in new. If you have never attended a Civic League meeting you need to start now. The Cradock Civic League provides speakers to answer your questions and concerns about Cradock and your city's government. To date our guest speakers have been Mike Morris with the City of Portsmouth's Parks and Recreation to let us know that the Skate Park and Cradock Little League fencing funds were not reprogrammed. Reprogramming the funds will be voted on at the April 14 City Council Meeting. Please attend the City Council Meeting. We have had Tom Kreidal with SPSA to answer questions regarding the SPSA sale and Cradock residents' concerns. Sheriff Watson spoke in regards to the Sheriff's Department and their volunteer efforts in Cradock. The Civic League has many many more speakers planned. So don't miss out on valuable information.

We need your help and support too in planning and executing Spring Fest and the Patriotic Salute. So please contact the chair persons. Spring Fest is just around the corner and we all want this to be a great time for the kids. Mrs. Geneva "Dee Dee" Strauss has agreed to chair the event again this year; however she can't do it alone. So please come on out.

We also want to thank Portsmouth Police Chief Edward Hargis for attending our "Meet and Greet" on March 3rd. It was a huge success. Cradock hosted the "Meet and Greet" for Police Chief Hargis and eight (8) Southeastern Portsmouth Civic Leagues (Brighton/Prentis Park Civic League, Cavalier Manor Civic League, Fairview Heights Civic League, Highland Biltmore Civic League, Historical Truxtun Civic League, Old Truxtun Community League, Prentis Place Civic League, Wilson Ward/Gosport Civic League).

Please remember to check the civic league website [www.historiccradock.org](http://www.historiccradock.org) for important dates and events. We have scheduled Community Clean-up dates and provided links to Community Organizations such as the Cradock "Neighborhood" Watch and Cradock Little League Websites.

The goal of the Cradock Civic League is to unite and inform the community - "United we stand; divided we fall."

*"Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!" Psalms 133:1*

*Sincerely,  
 Joanna Hall,  
 President*

## GET INVOLVED WITH CRADOCK! BY JOINING IN!

### **Cradock Little League**

Angela Parker  
(757) 487-7242

### **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 Kreidel  
(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

### **Cradock Civic League**

**President:** Joanna Hall  
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(757) 558-1606

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(757) 673-6812

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**Corr. Secretary:** Jennifer Piotrowski  
(757) 967-8922

Jennifer@historiccradock.org

## 2009 Coming Summer Events!!!!

### Come One, Come All! Cradock's Annual Patriotic Salute, & Children's Bike Parade Saturday, JULY 4, 2009!

**8:30 a.m.**—Registration for the Children's Bike Parade held in the median at the George Washington Highway and Afton Parkway Entrance.

**9:30 a.m.**—Portsmouth's No. II Fire Engine will lead the parade of bikes from the Entrance down Afton Parkway to the gazebo in Afton Square.

**10:00 a.m.**—Cradock's 91st annual July 4th Flag Ceremony will be conducted by DAV Chapter 41, VFW Post 993 and local Boy Scout Troops. Portsmouth City Council Members are invited.

**11:00 a.m.**—July 4th birthday cake and punch will be served by the DAV Chapter 41 and VFW Post 993 Ladies Auxiliaries.

**For more info contact:** Joanna Hall 757-515-3739

A member of World Changers, sponsored by the Portsmouth Baptist Association, Portsmouth Redevelopment and Housing Authority and the City of Portsmouth will also speak.

### **ANTI-BLIGHT BILL HB1671/SENATE COUNTERPART SB1094 PASSING IS A TOOL TO HELP CRADOCK!**

The anti-blight bill, HB1671, and its Senate counterpart, SB1094, define a building as derelict if it is vacant, boarded-up and isn't connected to utilities for six months. A city can order the owner to submit a plan to demolish or renovate, and then can qualify the owner for a tax credit for as long as 15 years. The legislation allows cities to begin the court-ordered process to sell blighted properties after one year of tax delinquency instead of two. The bill makes it easier for cities to act against blighted buildings and provides an incentive for owners to cooperate. City officials from Norfolk, Portsmouth and Newport News were some of the bill's most ardent supporters. Vacant homes are twice as prevalent in Norfolk and Portsmouth as there are in other Hampton Roads' cities. IT'S A VIRGINIA LAW. NOW.

### **Cradock Baptist Church Hosts the Angel Food Ministries!**

Angel Food Ministries is ministry that provides high quality groceries at a substantial savings to help families and individuals to stretch their food dollars further. **Anyone can order from AngelFood.** There are no income restrictions or applications to complete. We accept debit and credit cards through the website. Cash, money orders (made out to Cradock Baptist Church), and food stamp/EBT cards are accepted through our Church Office Tuesdays & Wednesdays from 10:00 a.m. until Noon only. **Cradock Baptist Church - 96 Afton Parkway - Portsmouth, Virginia 23702 . Call the Office 757-485-3500 or Order online at [www.cradockbaptist.org](http://www.cradockbaptist.org)**



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

**Next meeting: June 11, 7:00pm**

**RDF Building conference room**

**THE NEW P.R. MANAGER IS**

**Mr. Tom Kreidel**

[tkreidel@spsa.com](mailto:tkreidel@spsa.com)

Southeastern Public Service Authority (SPSA)

(O) 757-420-4700 Ext. 338

(M) 757-274-4734 (F) 757-424-4133

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

**April 11 2009**

**May 9 2009**

**June 13 2009**

**WE NEED EVERYONE'S HELP WITH PICKING UP LITTER!**

Contact: Jennifer Piotrowski  
(757) 967-8922



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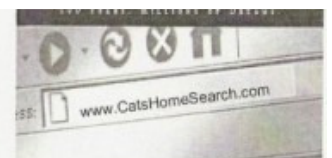
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