



*Portsmouth Museums Foundation*  
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# NEWS

## Our Beginning!

The Children's Museum of Virginia encourages imagination, questioning and a lifelong love of learning providing fun and dynamic interactive educational exhibits, activities and programs.

PORTSMOUTH MUSEUMS FOUNDATION

WINTER 2010

## The Children's Museum of Virginia *UNDER CONSTRUCTION!*



"After years of planning and preparation, we're now very excited to help launch this next phase of the Children's Museum of Virginia. From its humble beginnings in the basement of the public library as a project of the Portsmouth Service League, our board is extremely proud of how this museum has grown, the impact it has had on visitors young and old, and what it will become after completion of this renovation and expansion project."

"I applaud the City leaders for their wisdom in making this investment for the betterment of our community. The renovated Children's Museum will be a major attraction within the region, as well as the state, and will be a driver behind the continued revitalization of our downtown."

*Excerpts from an address made by Mr. Phil Rudisill, President of the Portsmouth Museums Foundation, at the turn key ceremony on November 16, 2009*

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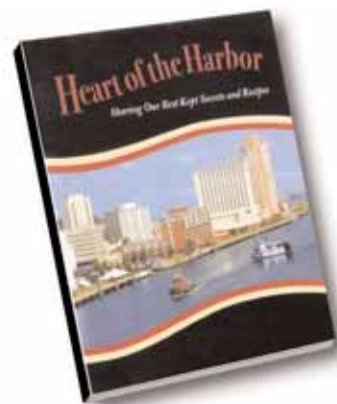
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"Heart of the Harbor" has had outstanding sales especially during the holidays. The committee has taken the cookbook on the road to various bazaars, trade shows and special events since the kickoff in August. "Heart of the Harbor" can be purchased on line ([www.heartoftheharbor.com](http://www.heartoftheharbor.com)) or by calling the Portsmouth Museums Foundation at 393-8983. Please see our website for retail locations. Proceeds from the sales will benefit the expansion and renovation of the Children's Museum of Virginia and other city museum projects.

### Honor Someone Special

The Portsmouth Museums Foundation is pleased to offer several bronze childlike sculptures which will highlight our redesigned Middle Street Mall area upon completion of the NEW Children's Museum of Virginia.

Sponsoring one of these adorable sculptures would be a great opportunity to honor grandchildren, special events or individuals in your life. For more information, please contact the Portsmouth Museums Foundation office at 757-393-8983.



# OYSTERS

in Olde Towne Portsmouth

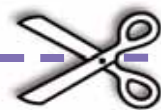
**Saturday, March 27 • 4-7:30 p.m. • North Landing**  
 (Food served til 7 p.m.)  
**Oysters** (raw, roasted, and fried) • **BBQ and Chicken**  
 Music By "Two for Fun"

**Ticket Locations:**  
 All Portsmouth Museums, Courthouse Galleries Museum Shop,  
 the Portsmouth Visitor Center and Towne Bank Branches  
 (Portsmouth Blvd, Churchland and Olde Towne)

**Limit:** 500 Tickets • Advance Tickets: \$40 • Tickets at Door: \$50 • Limit: 500 tickets  
 For more information, call (757) 393-8983 • "No take-outs allowed"

Presented by The Portsmouth Museums Foundation

**For tickets, please complete and return the form below with payment to:**  
**Portsmouth Museums Foundation**  
**521 Middle Street**  
**Portsmouth, Virginia 23704**



I would like to purchase \_\_\_\_ ticket(s) at \$40.00 each

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

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▼ CHECK (payable to Portsmouth Museums Foundation)

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[www.childrensmuseumva.com](http://www.childrensmuseumva.com)

**6th Annual**



The Tidewater Striders and the Portsmouth Museums Foundation once again will host the annual Elizabeth River Run on Saturday, May 29, 2010. Plan to join us for the 10K Run, Crawford Street Mile or the Children's Museum Fun Run. 2009 brought over 1,000 runners to this great event along the Elizabeth River.