

**Dedication of the Wilson Ward/Gosport Civic
League Meditation Garden
Saturday, June 5, 2021 @ 10:30 a.m.**

**Mayor Shannon Glover
Remarks**

Good morning! It is my honor and privilege to be here today to dedicate the Wilson Ward/Gosport Civic League meditation garden. This addition, created by the civic league, for the North Truxtun community will serve as a beacon for neighbors and visitors alike.

The importance of civic leagues cannot be understated. A civic league serves as a community organizer that provides the city with several points of contact within the neighborhood. This ensures that city agencies are able to provide needed services. Civic leagues know who to call and talk to, when to call them, and how to talk them. Simply put, they get things done.

In its civic league development guide, our sister city of Chesapeake states, “A civic league will help accomplish goals, build community unity, and enhance the quality of life.” And, this is exactly what is happening with this Wilson Ward/Gosport Civic League project.

Cookouts, city clean-ups, serving boxed lunches, assisting those who would like to receive vaccinations, providing scholarships, and conducting monthly meetings, the Wilson Ward/Gosport Civic League has continued to help us find ways to maintain and enhance our city.

To president Elvira H. Johnson-Williams and the members of the Wilson Ward/Gosport Civic League, we thank you for doing all that you do. Thank you for your contributions to the betterment of the city of Portsmouth.