



Common Fence Point Improvement Association

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Chance to Win Fabulous Prizes Raffle A Huge Success!

Twenty prizes, each valued at over \$200, were solicited by **Patti Hicks** last fall. Tickets were printed soon after and ticket sales started in earnest in January. The raffle drawing was held at our Mardi Gras Party (see related story on Page 2) where prizes were awarded to lucky ticket holders. The raffle raised over \$9,000! These funds will be used to continue the renovations in the community hall to bring it into compliance with the recent fire code regulations. Special thanks to **Patti**, and to **Jackie Shearman**, for heading up the sales, (not to mention keeping track of which ticket went into which envelope!) and to all the volunteers who sold tickets, particularly those who braved the cold to sell tickets door to door. Eight of the winners are residents of Common Fence Point. Thank you to everyone who purchased tickets! The prizes and their lucky winners were:

101	Hot Air Balloon Ride	Eileen Small
102	Green Valley Golf Package	Tom Perrotti
103	Carnegie Golf Package	Tom McHale
104	Montaup Golf Package	Dan Konchar
105	Water Color	Phyllis Correia
106	Heating Oil	Ed Borden
107	Wine Basket	Lorraine Tashjian
108	Spiced Pear Lunch	Brad Finnegan
109	Cherry Tree Planted	Liz King
110	Math Tutoring	Lori Dutra
111	Hydrangeas	Jack Garforth
201	Birdhouse Package	Margaret Chadwick
202	Car Package	James Wilkinson
203	Vacation Package	Jack Casey
204	Restaurant Package	Becky MacDonald
205	Gourmet Package	Sue Warner
206	Beauty Package	Elaine Williams
207	Adventure Package	Paul Kesson
208	Health Package	Bob Penzi
209	Newport Night	Beverly Kelley



Annual Egg Hunt to be Held April 7th

Dust off those bonnets and dig out those baskets! The Annual Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, April 7th starting at 1:00PM at the Common Fence Point Community ball field. This is for neighborhood children from toddlers through 10 year olds. There will be eggs to find, prizes to win, raffles to enter, and more! Remember - Bring Your Own Basket and **please be prompt!** The Hunt is organized by age group, starting with toddlers. But once we start, the kids are eager to set off and it's over quite quickly, so get there on time! Plus we hear that the **Easter Bunny** will be stopping by again this year and is on a tight schedule! You don't want to miss a chance to visit and have your picture taken. Don't forget your cameras!

If you are interested in becoming a CFPIA Bunny by helping organize the Egg Hunt or have suggestions, please contact **Pat McHale** at 401-683-4826. Even if you are not available on the day of the Hunt, we can use help with selecting prizes, organizing raffles and of course, getting the eggs ready. Donations for raffles would be graciously accepted. Cash donations are also very much welcomed to help purchase goodies for the children! Watch for details on the website www.cfpia.org and on signs at the corner store and CFP entrance.

DATES TO REMEMBER !!

Every 3rd Monday of the Month - CFPIA Monthly Meetings
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Mardi Gras Madness!



Carlton and Jackie Johnson



Sandi and Andrew Vanier



Our Own Fab Four - Abbey Rhode!

From left to right, Kevin Sullivan, John Flanders, CFP resident Ray Davis, and Jack Lendrum

The second annual Mardi Gras Party was held on Saturday, February 17th. Over 100 attendees danced the night away to the music provided by the **Abbey Rhode** band. The costumes were fabulous! The highlight of the party was the drawing for the “**Chance to win Fabulous Prizes**” raffle. The event raised over \$2,000! These funds will be used to continue the renovations on the Hall for fire code regulations. Thanks to **Abbey Rhode** members for donating their performance again this year and to **Common Fence Music’s Tom Perroti** for providing the sound system. The planning committee did an outstanding job. The members were **Cass Barrett, Rose Escobar, Bill Lund, Carol Overbury, Pat McHale, Tom Perrotti,** and **Mary Ann Von Handorf.**

Used Children’s Item Sale

A used children’s item sale was held at the CFP Community Hall on Saturday, March 3, 2007. Strollers, changing tables, clothing, car seats, toys and books were just some of the items sold. The sale was organized by **Kristina Thompson** of the CFP Mom’s Club and **Jackie Shearman** of the CFP Youth Group. Three vendors also participated. Proceeds from the sale will be donated to the Common Fence Point Improvement Association. The sale was such a success that it may be held again next year. At press time, the profit was still being calculated, however the proceeds on used books alone was \$225!

The 3rd Annual Wine and Cheese Social

The 3rd Annual Wine & Cheese Social was held on Saturday, January 20, 2007. Over 50 people attended this event again this year. **Mil Kinsella** shared environmental information about Common Fence Point. She had numerous displays and artifacts collected on the Point for people to view. Common Fence Music was represented by **Liam Nary**. Photos from 2006 events were also on display. Also thanks to all of those attendees who brought wine and hors d'oeuvres to share. It was nice to catch up with old neighbors and meet new neighbors.

Special thanks to **Glenn Allen** of Allen's Wine & Spirits for donating wine to this event.

From left to right, **Marilyn Napier, Bob Napier, Cass Barrette and Bill Lund.**



Earth Day Cleanup April 21st, 2007

Volunteers are needed to help spruce up the Common Fence Point neighborhood environment on Saturday, April 21 from 9 AM until noon. Meet at the Common Fence Point Improvement Association Community Hall on Anthony Road to participate in salt marsh restoration area maintenance and general litter pickup. This year we are also looking for volunteers who will help to fence off CFPIA land on Island Road. We are also looking for a donation of mulch that will be used to mulch the Rosa Rugosa bushes at the salt march restoration site.

Donations of baked goods to feed our hungry volunteers are most welcome!

Bags will be available to cleanup volunteers. The Town of Portsmouth DPW will remove the gathered debris on Monday. Register ahead of time with **Mil Kinsella** at 401-633-2606 or **Brenda Whalen Munro** at 401-682-2627 or just show up Saturday morning, April 21st.

Ballroom Dance Lessons Have Arrived at The Community Hall!



Stardust Dance Lessons has launched Beginning Ballroom Dance Lessons at the Common Fence Point Community Hall. Ballroom (Foxtrot, Waltz, Swing): 7-8 pm. Latin Ballroom (Rumba, Cha-Cha, Tango) from 8 to 9 pm. Four Tuesdays beginning March 13, plus a Dance Party. The cost for a single is \$48, for a couple is \$72. Because the lessons started before the Newsletter went to print, Rick will make up the first lesson for anyone who still wants to join. Register at www.stardustdancelessons.com. Gotta Dance!

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CFPIA Annual Summer Cookout - July 28th

Mark your calendars! The annual Summer Cookout will be held on Saturday, July 28th. This year, come test out your athletic prowess on the climbing wall we have secured for the day! More information will be available in the next Newsletter, and you can also watch for details on the website at www.cfpia.org, and in newspaper articles. If you are interested in helping organize this event or have suggestions, please contact **Jackie Shearman** at 401-683-0916 or **Pat McHale** at 401-683-4826.