



Common Fence Point Improvement Association
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Wine and Cheese Social A Big Success

The Common Fence Point Community Hall was THE place to be on Saturday, February 5, 2005. Over 60 residents participated in one of the first community activities held in several years. Neighbors got to meet neighbors, new residents got a chance to meet their neighbors, and everyone appeared to enjoy every minute of the evening. The event was scheduled for 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. However, it was not over until after 11:00pm!

The new renovations to the hall were evident to all who attended. The dark paneled walls were painted with flame retardant, eggshell colored paint. The old ceiling tiles were replaced with new white ones, giving the hall a clean, spacious look.

Easels held maps, environmental issues posters, and large pads of paper. The large pads were used to list activities that could be held in and around the Community Hall. Guests "voted" for the activities they were most interested in by placing red, green, yellow or blue dots next to the event. They chose from over 40 exciting proposed community activities. The response was fabulous. When all the votes were in, we analyzed the results. The top ten 'hot' activities were: Gardening, Photography, Kayaking, Book Club, Yoga, Tai Chi, Belly Dancing, Cooking, Knitting & Crocheting, and Stress Reduction.

In addition, we also received requests for more social events, such as the Wine & Cheese Party. If you would like to know more about any of the activities, please call **Mandie Sullivan** at: 293-0218 or email her at: Mandie@mandiesullivan.com

Four scrapbooks, made by members of the Forever Young Senior Citizens Club, which was active for many years at the Hall, were displayed for viewing. Another scrapbook displayed showed pictures of the building of the Playground. A membership table was set up for those who wished to join the CFPIA. A donation table was also available for those who wished to make a donation to the 'Save the Hall' fund.

Many donations and memberships were accepted. Many guests also donated food and wine to the event. We appreciated the wine donation from CFP resident **Glenn Allen**, owner of **Allen's Wine and Spirits**. Thank you **Glenn** and **Raylene**!

The CFPIA Finance Committee has been busy over the past few months, brainstorming for ideas to raise money for Hall fire code repairs, as well as ways to inspire the community spirit. The Wine and Cheese Social was the first event planned. The committee consists of **Tom** and **Pat McHale**, **Mandie Sullivan**, **Jackie Shearman**, **Nancy Aguiar**, **Susan Travers**, **Bill Lund**, **Cass Barrett**, **Stephanie Mills**, **Carlton Johnson**, **Barbara Jones**, **Paul Silver**, **Kevin Bongiovanni**, **Tabitha Cooney**, **Allan Branco**, and **Larry Alosfin**. The committee is planning to have an event each month, some fund-raisers, some community builders, some for adults, some for teens, some for children. If you have an idea for an event, please let us know.

The CFPIA would like to thank everyone who attended our first Wine & Cheese party. We invite everyone in the community to join us in establishing some fun and community inspired activities at Common Fence Point.



CFPIA Neighbors gather at the Wine and Cheese Social

DATES TO REMEMBER - See Page 2 for more information on Upcoming Events!

Every 3rd Monday of the Month CFPIA Meeting 7:15pm
April 23rd, Earth Day Clean Up 9am - Meet at the Hall

March 27th Egg Hunt at the Playground 1 pm
April 24th - Penny Sale Fundraiser at the Hall

Children's Egg Hunt, March 26th

Here comes Peter Cottontail, hopping down the bunny trail! There will be an Egg Hunt for neighborhood children from toddlers through 10 year olds at the Common Fence Point Playground and Ball Field on Saturday, March 26th starting 1pm. Children will be divided into 3 age groups and will hunt for eggs in three different locations. In addition to the Egg Hunt, there will be prizes to win, raffles for both children and adults, and more! We could use some extra volunteer bunnies! Please contact **Pat McHale** at 683-4826 if you are available to help out the day of the Egg Hunt.

Remember - Bring Your Own Basket and meet at the Playground at 1pm.

Earth Day Clean Up, April 23rd

On Saturday, April 23rd, in celebration and in recognition of Earth Day 2005, volunteers are encouraged to take part in a cleanup of the roadsides and beach fronts in Common Fence Point. Now that the snow has melted (almost!!), the litter accumulated on the roadsides over the winter is highly visible. This year's cleanup will take place from 8 am until 11:30 am. Volunteers should sign up at the CFP Community Hall on Anthony Road where they can get trash bags, cleanup assignments and gloves. The supply of gloves is limited, so you should bring your own, in case the supply runs out.

Organizers encourage volunteers to bring rakes to get trash out of the briers and water bottles for your refreshment. If it is raining on Saturday, drop by the Hall by 9 am to pick up your supplies and clean up details. You can clean at your leisure on Sunday the 24th. Place your trash bags by the road. The Town of Portsmouth will pick them up on Monday the 25th.

Please call **Brenda Whalen Munro** at 682.2627 to sign up for the clean up or if you have any questions.

Penny Sale Fundraiser for the Community Hall Repairs, April 24th

An old-fashioned Penny Sale is being planned for Sunday afternoon, April 24, 2005 in the Community Hall. This event is a fund-raiser for the on-going 'Save the Hall' Project. Residents and businesses are being asked to donate a new, unused item: household items, toys, books, plants, baby items, gift certificates, etc. Each item should be close to \$10.00 or more in value. Participants purchase raffle tickets to win donated items. Pastry and coffee will also be sold. We also hope to assemble some specialty baskets for raffle. Please call **Jackie Shearman**, 683-0916 for further information about the event or to offer help. More information will be available closer to the event. SAVE THE DATE!!

Common Fence Point Summer Cookout! Saturday, July 23, 2005 – noon to dusk

Rose Escobar is planning this party that will include recreation and picnic fun for the entire family, toddlers to teens and adults, too! Bounce, field games, baseball, volleyball, horseshoes, music, crafts tables, face painting, food/grilling, pot luck dishes, ice cream, cotton candy and much more. We are looking for ideas, donations, volunteers, people with grills, chefs, connections to equipment, etc. Your help is vitally needed to help make it an awesome neighborhood event! The first social gathering to plan the party will be held at Rose's Art Studio on Tuesday, April 12th at 7:00 p.m. Please RSVP Rose at 682-2015. Come for munchies and brainstorm!

Back By Popular Demand - The Membership Form!

Please return this form and make your check to payable to CFPIA, PO Box 134, Portsmouth, RI 02871.

Name: _____	Single	\$20.00
Address: _____ _____	Family	\$25.00
	Corporate	\$75.00
Phone: _____ E-mail: _____	Patron	\$75.00
What services can you volunteer for your community? _____ _____	Benefactor	_____
	Seniors over 65, take 10% off!!	
	Add'l Donation	_____

Please indicate if you would like your *additional donation* to be applied specifically to:
Hall Repair/Fire Code _____ Playground Improvement _____ Land Maint and Mgmt _____ General Use _____

Thank you for your support!

Newsletter

Our Community Hall - It's Always Something!

First, it was the Fire Code Laws. We didn't think it could get much worse. Then the unthinkable happened: the furnace blew. One day in February, **Frank Munroe** luckily stopped by the Hall and noticed the heat was not working. He went to check on the furnace, and was met with a horrible sight of oil splattered on the walls of the basement, that had been newly sheet rocked, as a result of the Fire Code repair requirements. The furnace we thought just needed a good cleaning was broken down and beyond repair. Frank contacted **Bill Lund** and they worked quickly to prevent further damage to the pipes. They drained the water, put antifreeze in the toilets and set up some portable heaters in the basement near the plumbing to prevent freezing. Without heat and running water, a CFP Music Series concert and several other activities had to be cancelled until we had heat again.

U.G. Nasons, 305-B Oliphant Lane, Middletown was contacted to install a new furnace. By suggesting the use of two residential units instead of a larger commercial unit (which would have to be ordered), and by dedicating a crew to the installation, they were able to get the new furnace installed and operational for the Fiddlers and Fisherman concert. All activities in the Hall were back on again. Another crisis avoided, but not without a huge effort. Many "warm" thanks to U. G. Nasons, Frank and Bill!

The silver lining in this cloud was that we were able to pay for the furnace from the General Fund. We did not have to dip into the money we have been collecting and people have so generously been donating for the Fire Code repairs.

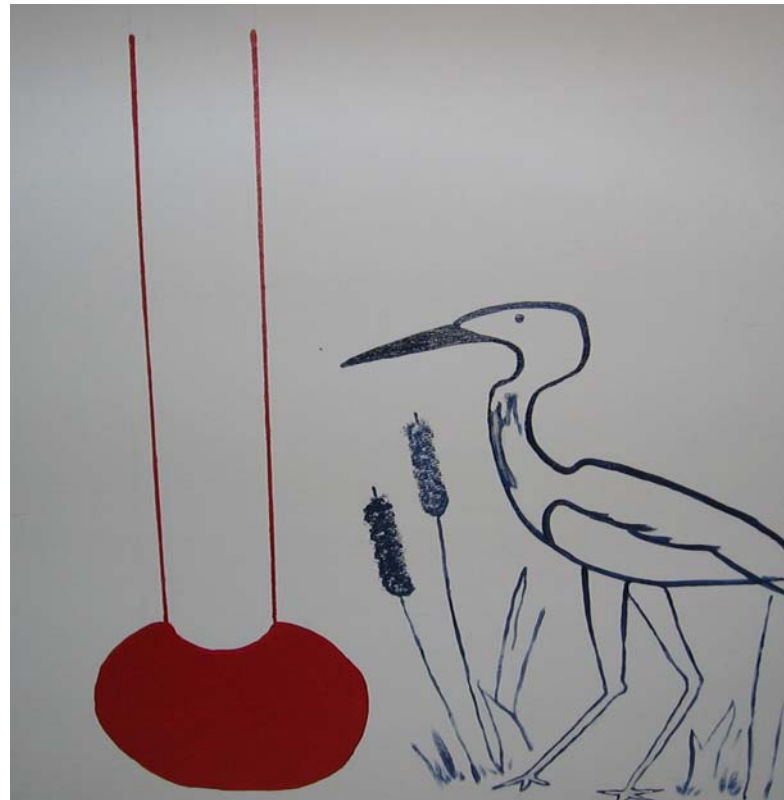
And Speaking of the Fire Code Repairs and Funds

Are you wondering where your donations are going, how much money we have raised, what work has been completed, and what work and equipment are still needed?

The Finance Committee thought it would be appropriate to display a thermometer, as is often used in fund raising, at the Community Hall, and update it as money is raised and work is completed.

Cass Barrett put her talents to work and designed the thermometer as shown in the photo, along with the Egret that appears as part of the official CFPIA logo. Cass plans to complete the sign as soon as possible, updating it with money collected to date. Watch for it in front of the Hall!

Fund raising continues, as well as efforts to secure grants. We expect to have more fund raising events later in the year, as well as the Penny Sale fundraiser in April.



YMCA Classes at the Hall - Your First Class Is Free!

The YMCA is offering a Cardio and Weighted Work Out on Mondays and Wednesdays from 6 pm to 7pm. If you haven't taken this class before, your first class is free. This free class will allow you to see what the class is like. Although there is an 8-week class in progress, you can buy a \$50 punch card for 10 sessions. This session started February 28th and ends on the 20th of April.

The next class begins on April 25th and continues for 8 weeks. Call the YMCA at **847-9200** and ask to speak with Rick North for more information on the classes and the pricing. Or just show up at 6 on a Monday or a Wednesday. We look forward to seeing you Mondays and Wednesdays at 6!

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TO:

- Everyone who has made a donation to the Hall Fire Code Repairs Fund
- Everyone who attended the Wine and Cheese Social
- Everyone who is paying their dues
- **The Sportman's Club** for their continued support and generosity
- **Arnold Lumber** for their donation of materials we needed for Fire Code Repairs
- **U. G. Nasons** for their quick response to our need for a new furnace ASAP
- **Glenn Allen** for his generous wine donation to the Wine and Cheese Social
- **Clement's Market** for their support of the Playground through receipts collection