



**Common Fence Point Improvement Association**  
**Quarterly Newsletter**  
**March, 2006**  
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***Laissez Les Bon Temps Rouler !!! – Our Mardi Gras Party !***



**The Fabulous Abbey Rhode Band**



**Mary Ann Von Handorf & Gene Swinsick**



**Virginia Cornejo & Bill Gorman**

**What A Blast!!!**

Over 150 people danced the night away, bid on silent auctions items, took chances on raffles, and vied for prizes. An unbelievable buffet of food was available at no charge. Thanks to all that brought a dish to share. This event raised just over **\$5,000**, which will be used towards the fire code updates to the CFPIA Hall. Special thanks to the **Abbey Rhode Band**, who donated their performance for the cause! Kudos to **Rose Escobar** and her team for this extremely successful event!

**DATES TO REMEMBER !!**

**Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the Month - CFPIA Monthly Meetings**  
**04/01/2006 – Comedy Night Fundraiser – see Page 2**

**04/15/2006 –Egg Hunt at the Playground– page 4**  
**04/22/2006 – Earth Day – page 3**

**Dinner & Comedy Night Fundraiser, April 1, 2006**

A Comedy Night (adult entertainment) will be held on Saturday, April 1<sup>st</sup> at the Seaconnet Sportsman's Club to benefit the fire code renovations at the Common Fence Point Improvement Hall. The following comedians are scheduled to perform: Rich Gustus, Bob Hagearty, and George MacDonald. Their credentials include appearances on Comedy Central, Hollywood Improv, and The Comedy Connection. The event is \$20 per person, which includes a roast beef dinner and the comedy show. Doors open at 6:30pm, dinner will be served at 7pm and a cash bar will be available. Tickets can be obtained by calling **Pat McHale** at 683-4826, **Jeannie Northup** at 683-5977, or **Jackie Shearman** at 683-0916. They will also be available at the Lil' Corner Store. The Seaconnet Sportsman's Club is located at 145 Sakonnet Drive in Common Fence Point. A limited amount of tickets will be sold, so get yours today!

**CFPIA Elections Held – 4 New Officers Elected**

The election of CFPIA officers was held at the February monthly meeting. New officers are President: **Pat McHale**, Vice President: **Dennis Macedo**, Secretary: **Mandie Sullivan**, and Treasurer: **Stephanie Mills**. Congratulations to the new officers. They will hold office for 2 year. Thanks to the outgoing officers for volunteering their time to the Association the past few years. Outgoing officers are President: **Larry Alofsin**, Vice President: Nancy **Aguiar**, Secretary: **Bill Lund**, and a very special thanks to Treasurer **Jeannie Northup**, who has been holding this office for 15 years.



Our newly elected officers, from left to right, are **Dennis Macedo**, **Mandie Sullivan**, **Pat McHale**, and **Stephanie Mills**.

***Paid Your Dues Lately?***

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 \_\_\_\_\_

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Seniors over 65, take 10% off!!

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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!

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## ***The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Wine and Cheese Social***

More than 50 people attended The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Wine & Cheese Social on January 21, 2006. On display were photos from the CFP 2005 events, information on the salt marsh restoration projects, and information on the Common Fence Music series. Also on display were newspaper articles and photos from the 1960's, describing CFPIA events. They gave us a look back at the history of our organization.

Later in the evening, **Tom McHale** presented information about fire code updates to the CFPIA Hall.

Thanks to everyone who attended, and to those generous people who brought appetizers to share.

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

From left to right, **Nancy Aguiar**, **Sue Travers** and **Ron Travers** check out the events from 2005.



## ***Earth Day, 2006***

Volunteers are needed to help spruce up the Common Fence Point neighborhood environment on Saturday, April 22 from 8 AM until 11 AM. Meet at the Common Fence Point Improvement Association (CFPIA) Community Hall on Anthony Road to participate in salt marsh restoration area maintenance, entrance garden maintenance, and general litter pickup.

Bags and gloves, provided by the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management, will be available to cleanup volunteers on Saturday morning. Participants can clean up the parks, beaches and roadsides of Common Fence Point during any time convenient to them over the weekend. The Town of Portsmouth DPW will remove the gathered debris on Monday. Register ahead of time with **Mil Kinsella** at 683-4549 or just show up Saturday morning, April 22nd.



## ***Fire Code Repairs Update***

On February 11, several CFPIA residents met at the Hall to complete as many of the required items on the Fire Code Repair list as possible. This "work party" was in preparation for a meeting with the Deputy Fire Marshall, to review that list of items. At that meeting, we are hoping to also be able to show that the Fire Alarm Master Box has been installed, thanks to the work of LJJ, Inc.

The CFPIA Community Hall is scheduled to go before the State Review Board on April 5, 2006. We are hoping that if the Fire Alarm Master Box has been installed, and the Fire Code Repair List has been addressed, we will be given an additional grace period to get sprinklers installed. This will be the most daunting phase of coming up to code. We are in the process of obtaining bids for the sprinklers. Unfortunately, the sprinklers are going to cost in the 30-50K range, and we will only be given a limited amount of time to comply. Stay tuned ... we will be asking for your help!

**INTERESTED IN JOINING THE CRIME WATCH TEAM??**

Call **Nancy Aguiar** at 401-662-7911 or **Sue Travers** at 401-683-1607

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PO Box 134  
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**Meetings Held 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the Month 7:15 PM**

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### ***CFPIA 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Egg Hunt – April 15<sup>th</sup>***

The Second Annual Egg Hunt will be held at Common Fence Point Community ball field on Saturday, April 15th starting **promptly** at 1:00PM. We had some latecomers last year, but since the CFP Bunnies were prepared for anything, they put aside some eggs just in case! However, those arriving late will miss the actual hunt, and that is where the fun comes in, so get there on time! 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!

Please remember to **Bring Your Own Basket!!**

If you are interested in helping to organize the egg hunt, please contact **Pat McHale** at 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!