



Common Fence Point Improvement Association
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Mercury Is Rising!

Hopefully you've all noticed the big jump in the thermometer at the CFPIA Hall! We recently received a grant of \$25,000 towards our fire sprinkler fund! We have a deadline of July 2008 to install the sprinklers, and this grant has really put us in a good position to meet our goal. We have received several bids and have authorized the funds to begin some of the engineering. We want to thank everyone for their support in our fundraising efforts for this endeavor. We aren't there yet, but we are getting very close!

Eagle Scout Project to Benefit CFPIA

At the August CFPIA Monthly meeting, resident **Ben Ricci** presented his plan to construct a storage shed to house our mowing equipment as part of his Eagle Scout Project. He presented the construction plans and several options for the location of the shed. Neighbors affected by the proposed locations were notified ahead of the meeting so that they could provide their comments and concerns. Several neighbors attended the meeting and provided their input, which was taken into consideration in the decision of the location.

The Trustees and Officers made the decision to locate the shed in the parking lot across from the CFPIA Hall. This will eliminate the need for our young mowing volunteers from having to cross Anthony Road and Common Fence Boulevard. Ben is now in the process of obtaining permits for the project. We are looking forward to the successful completion of Ben's Eagle Scout project. He has shown himself to be a dedicated and thorough planner and has worked diligently to provide a service to his community

In the meantime, we are looking for locations to store our mowing equipment over the winter. If you have spare garage or shed space, please contact **Scott Boyd** at 401-683-0732. We want to thank the **Tingstad** and **Shearman** families for providing storage last winter.

DATES TO REMEMBER!!

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Every 3rd Monday of the Month - CFPIA Monthly Meetings

CFP Summer Cookout, July 28th, 2007



Kaitlin Shaker climbs to new heights on the Rock Wall at the CFP Summer Picnic.

Over 150 people attended this year's Point Summer Cookout, which was held on July 28th. The highlight of the picnic was the climbing wall provided and manned by the Rhode Island National Guard. It was fun to watch the kids and adults attempt to reach the top. Our own **Scott Boyd, Scott Shearman, and Mil Kinsella** did the adults proud! Kudos goes to the young girls, who made it look so easy.

We want to thank all of the neighborhood businesses and individuals who donated items for our raffle prizes. We also want to thank the DJ, CFP's **Chris Bachand**, of TCB Productions, for providing music throughout the day.

Thanks to all of the volunteers who made the picnic a success again this year. Also, thanks to all of the neighbors for attending and supporting our efforts.

Special thanks to **Ben & Jerry's, Stop & Shop, Shaw's, BJ's, Cumberland Farms, and Shearman Oil** for donating food items for the cookout. Also thanks to everyone who donated prizes for the raffles.

International Beach Cleanup and Survey Held September 15th, 2007

Thanks to the 3 Common Fence Point teams who knew that they wouldn't melt in a Saturday drizzle, and spared a few hours to help clean the beaches- all 6 of them! Despite the small number of volunteers, almost 100 pounds of garbage was compiled and catalogued! Included were 199 food wrappers, 75 beverage bottles, 88 plastic bags, 17 balloons, 109 caps and lids, 13 bait containers, 154 straws, 49 plastic food utensils and yes, folks, 16 tampons and a condom. All this, even though it was high tide!

This event is worldwide. Last year, 350,000 volunteers in 68 countries removed 7 million pounds of trash!

If you see these neighbors- thank them for working to improve our environment-100 pounds at a time: **Leann and Haley Gablinske, Laureen and Kristen Fontaine, Lydia Bredemeier and Chris Muessler**. Bravo!

Want to keep informed about CFPIA upcoming events?

Send an email to mchale2@cox.net with your name, address, and email. You will then be added to the CFPIA email distribution list. This is a great way to receive information about what's happening in your neighborhood! Also, don't forget to check out the CFPIA website at www.cfpia.org!

YMCA GET FIT Classes at the CFPIA Hall

The Newport YMCA holds 'Get Fit' classes every Monday at 6pm, for Pilates/Flexibility, and every Wednesday at 6pm for Cardio Sculpt. The classes are taught by CFP's own **Moria Maloney**. Interested members may reach Moria at either of these email addresses: moiragmaloney@cox.net or groupx@newportymca.org. You are also welcome to stop in at the Hall before either class for more information.

Moria wants to know: Have **YOU** had your exercise today?

The Merritt Family Neighborhood Grant Program Comes to CFP



The intersection of Oakdale and Norwood Avenues, soon to be a CFPIA Park

The Common Fence Point Improvement Association is pleased to announce that we have received a grant from the Merritt Neighborhood Fund, a program of the Aquidneck Land Trust. The purpose of the grant is to create a pocket park at the intersection of Oakdale and Norwood Avenues. The CFPIA proposed to transform the unused lot into a park to provide an area for passive recreation, including a small trail for bird watching and a park bench for resting or bird watching.

The location for the park, Plat 4, Lot 285-1, at the intersection of Oakdale and Norwood Avenues, is a small lot of 6600 square feet owned by the CFPIA Land Trust. It was deeded over to CFPIA in the 1920s as a future park in the undeveloped neighborhood.

This park will provide a spot for neighbors to sit and share their surroundings. The proposed pocket park also abuts an undeveloped area, which includes a large pond. This pond is a rookery for Great Black Crowned Herons. This park will preserve the local habitat.

Please join us on Sunday, October 14th at 4 PM at the proposed park site to provide your suggestions and ideas on this development. If you are unable to attend this get together, please contact Mil Kinsella at 401-633-2606, Stephanie Leonard at 401-293-0309, or Pat McHale at 401-683-4826. We look forward to hearing your ideas on this park restoration project.

Help Save a '38 Hurricane Survivor!

Did you know that there is a small stand of rosa rugosa on Common Fence Boulevard that withstood the 1938 hurricane? CFPIA is trying to preserve this historic stand and encourage a hedgerow there to provide a storm buffer and windbreak. Someone keeps running into the bush with a lawn mower and is causing damage. It would be a shame if this bush, which has withstood hurricanes, goes the way of the horseshoe crab! If we spread mulch around the bushes we can define its location and hopefully guide the lawn mower and it's operator around it. If someone is willing to donate a couple of bags of mulch, we will get volunteers to spread it, so the beach roses can spread, too! Call 401-633-2606, if you are interested in this and other neighborhood restoration projects!

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***Clements Friends Fund For Our Playground
Keep Those Receipts Coming***

We want to thank everyone who has contributed Clements Market receipts to our fund-raiser. We seem to collect more and more receipts each month. We have received **\$807.96** from Clements' Market in 2007. Since we joined the program in 2001, we have received a total of **\$4415.81!** This fund-raiser allowed us to refurbish the mulch in the playground and replace all bubble panels that are vandalized on a regular basis.

Thank you so much for your support and keep those receipts coming. You can bring them to the Corner Store, where there is an envelope waiting for donations. Thanks to the **Corner Store** and to **Clements Market** for their community support!



Halloween Pumpkin Carving, October 28th

Halloween Night Drop In and Pumpkin Display, October 31st

Kids are welcome to come to the Community Hall on Sunday, October 28th from 2-4pm for a pumpkin carving. Please bring your own pumpkin and carving utensils. Parents must accompany younger children. Pumpkins will remain at the Hall, to be lit (with glow sticks!) and displayed on Halloween night in the Hall from 6-8pm, where you are welcome to stop for juice, donuts and cookies, a bathroom break and a chance to socialize with the ghosts and ghouls of Common Fence Point. Everyone is welcome to both events!