



Common Fence Point Improvement Association
Quarterly Newsletter
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Halloween Events, 2006

Over 30 parents and children attended the pumpkin carving day at the CFP Hall on Sunday, October 29th. There were some really interesting and intricate carvings!

On Halloween night, over 100 parents and children stopped by the Hall during their Trick or Treating to enjoy refreshments and view the carved pumpkins. See photos at the Wine & Cheese Party in January.

We need to thank **Jackie Shearman** for organizing this event and **Sabrina Aguiar** and **John Tingstad** for decorating the Hall. Special thanks to the Portsmouth police who handed out glow necklaces to aid in the safety of our children.



Pumpkin Carving AND Lollipops!



A few of the visitors to the CFP Hall on Halloween

Mardi Gras Party February 17, 2007

The 2nd Annual Mardi Gras Party will be held on Saturday, February 17, 2007 at the CFP Hall. Doors will open at 8pm. Music will be performed by the Abbey Rhode band and produced by Common Fence Music. Costumes are encouraged, but optional. This will be a BYOB event again this year, and therefore, an adults-only venue. This event will again benefit the CFP Hall Fire Code Fund. In addition, the winners of the CFP Raffle, which is our major fundraiser for 2007, will be drawn at the Mardi Gras during intermission.

You are welcome to bring your favorite Mardi Gras Party food and drink. Desserts, coffee, soda and water will be available for purchase.

If you would like to help with the planning, sell tickets, or purchase tickets, please contact **Pat McHale** at 683-4826. We will be looking for help in setting up the Hall on the day of the event, and will also need a clean up committee! If you can donate a dessert or can help with the food sales that night, please call **Barbara Jones** at 682-2799. We need as much help as we can get with this event to make it a huge success both in the fun and financial departments!

Tickets will go on sale in January – watch for the sign at CFP entrance or on the CFPIA website, www.cfpia.org . This event should be a sell out, as it was last year, so plan your costume now and get your tickets early!

DATES TO REMEMBER

January, 2007 - CFP Raffle Tickets & Mardi Gras Tickets on Sale!

01/17/07 - Wine and Cheese Social

02/17/2007 –Mardi Gras & Abbey Rhode!

**Community Hall Fire Code MAJOR FUND RAISER for 2007 Is Ready to Begin
Get Your Chance to Win Fabulous Prizes!!!!**

Patti Hicks made an unprecedented effort in securing a long list of donated items for our 2007 raffle. Aided by Jackie Shearman and Carol Overbury, 20 prizes and prize packages have been organized, tickets have been printed and we are ready to go! The prizes span many interests from Adventures to Dining Out and range from practical (Shearman's hearing oil) to extravagant (golf at Carnegie Abbey!) All prizes and prize packages have a value of at least \$200. Thank you to **Patti!**

The tickets are \$10 each for 3 chances. You can pick 3 different prizes or place all your chances on the same one to increase your odds. The winners will be chosen at the Mardi Gras Party on February, 17th (see related story on Page 1). You do not have to be present to win.

Tickets are available from **Jackie Shearman**, 683-0916, **Pat McHale**, 683-4826, **Susan Travers**, 682-1697, **Carol Overbury**, 683-9082 and **Jeannie Northup**, 683-5977.

The 20 prizes are listed here, along with the generous donors. Please patronize these local businesses!!

PRIZE PACKAGES

Bird Lover's Package:

Purple Martin Birdhouse - John Martin
Bird Bath - Mello's
Bird Feeder & Seed – Domina's Agway

Car Lover's Package

Gift Certificate – 401 Motoring
Car Washes – Blue Wave Car Wash
4 Cylinder Tune Up – Russell's Auto Repair
Oil Change/Filter – Portsmouth Auto Sales

Vacation Lover's Package

Sloop Madeline Sail for 2 – Classic Cruise
Dinner for 4 at Verandor Café – Foxwoods
Autographed Baseball – Pawtucket Red Sox

Dining Out Lover's Package:

Gift Certificates to:
Brick Alley Pub - Newport
Roberto's – Bristol
Lobster Pot – Bristol
Sakonnet Fish Company – Portsmouth
15 Point Road – Portsmouth

Spa Lover's Package:

Face Framing Highlights & Cut – Sidney's
Manicure & Pedicure – The Nail Shoppe
1 Hour Massage – Aveda Body Works
Bracelet – Angela Moore

Adventure Lover's Package:

30 min Helicopter Tour for 2 – Bird's Eye View
3 days Kayak rentals for 2 – EMS
1 hour flying lesson – Newport Aviation

Wellness Lover's Package:

1 Month Gift Certificate – Curves for Women
Gift Basket – Nature's Goodness Health Store
Choice of 2 packages – Aquidneck Wellness Ctr

Gourmet Lover's Package

Culinary Series for 2 – Blackstone Caterers
Gift Basket – Custom Coffee House & Jean Drapeau

Newport Lover's Package:

Gift Certificate – Tito's Cantina
2 nights at Howard Johnson's
Gift Card – Newport Grand
Gift Certificate – Cappuccino's

INDIVIDUAL PRIZES

Hot Air Balloon Ride (for 1)
Balloon Adventures

Golf Package for 4, includes carts
Green Valley Country Club

Golf Package for 4 (4/1/06 –5/31/06 only)
Carnegie Abbey

Golf Package for 4, includes carts
Montaup Country Club

Original Oil Painting
Eileen Shanley

Heating Oil
Shearman's Oil

Fine Wine Basket
Allens', Ferreira's, Gleeson's, Moriarity's

Lunch for 2 - Spiced Pear Restaurant
Chanler Hotel, Newport

Weeping Cherry Tree from Island Garden,
Planted by Finish Works Landscaping

4 Hours of Private Math Tutoring
Susan Reid

4 Hydrangeas, delivered and planted
Bob Stevenson

Come to the 3rd Annual Wine & Cheese Social

The 3rd Annual Wine & Cheese Social will be held on Saturday, January 20, 2007 from 7pm-9pm. This is open to all residents of Common Fence Point: homeowners, renters, members and non-members. Come meet your neighbors and view the display of photos taken at our 2006 events. We need you to help us identify activities for the coming year. The more input we have from you, the better we can serve our community with activities and events.

If you are unsure of your membership status please bring your wallet or checkbook! A membership table will be set up with an up to date listing of members. Wine, cheese and crackers, as well as soft drinks and water will be provided. Please feel free to bring your own favorite wine or appetizer to share. See you there!

YMCA Classes at the Community Hall Start January 8th

We have no excuse for winter weight! The YMCA has set up classes at the Community Hall this past Fall and will continue into the Winter and Spring with the following classes three times a week:

MONDAY Pilates & Flexibility 6PM-7:15PM
All levels are welcome.

WEDNESDAY Cardio/Sculpt 6PM-7:15PM
This class is a terrific combination for sculpting your muscles and strengthening your heart. All levels are welcome.

SATURDAY 20/20/20 8:30-9:30AM
This is a core conditioning class that builds strength and flexibility with your own personal strength. Props are used. All levels are welcome! Saturday will also include some gentle low impact & weight conditioning.

The next 13-week session starts Monday, January 8, 2007 through April 4, 2007. You can elect to take 1, 2 or 3 classes a week. The price is as follows: 3 classes a week are \$195.00, 2 classes a week are \$156.00, and 1 class a week is \$78.00. We cannot offer refunds for classes missed during the session. Come to the class(es) of your choice to register, beginning January 8th. Please join Mary and Moira as we provide you with the positive encouragement you need to help you achieve your exercise goals! For more information contact the YMCA 847-9200 or Moira at moiragmaloney@cox.net

Do You Know The Plan to Dredge Off Common Fence Point for LNG Tankers?? Submitted by Mil Kinsella

At a recent LNG hearing, the dredging needs for a channel to be built specifically for the LNG tankers owned by the Weaver's Cove Energy were discussed. It was noted that the dredging of Mt Hope Bay would take place outside Rhode Island DEM's dredge "window" of November 1st to December 31st. If permitted, the channel would be dredged **24 hours a day, 7 days a week for 4 or 5 months**, and even longer if bad weather dictates. Part of the 2 mile Rhode Island channel would be dug off shore of CFP. At the hearing, Senator Felag stated that the dredge from Massachusetts and Rhode Island would be dumped offshore in Rhode Island waters. That dredge amount is **2.6 million cubic yards** of the Bay's bottom. Another speaker, who was in the energy business, stated that the recently permitted Gloucester, Massachusetts facility will be able to adequately supply Rhode Island's LNG needs.

Scientists are concerned with the disruption created by the huge trench for migrating species. An estuary is a nursery for many species of marine life. The Bay only flushes seven times a year. To put it in perspective, CFPIA's salt marsh restoration at Taylor's Point removed **21,000 cubic yards** and we had to find an **upland** site to deposit the dredge. It is not known how adverse the conditions will be for winter flounder and other species of economic concern. The extent of the adverse effects are unknown, but lowered levels of oxygen, due to the suspended solids in the water during dredging, will certainly adversely effect the Bay's marine life.

Concerned about the dredging and LNG tankers? Call Ron Gagnon at the Rhode Island DEM to find out about other hearings and comment periods at 401-222-2771. You can also contact the following people with your concerns: Christopher D'Ovidio at the Conservation Law Foundation, 401-351-1102, Dan Goulet at CRMC, 401 222-2476 or Brian Valiton at the Army Corps of Engineers, 978-318-8166. There is a copy of the DREDGE Plan at Portsmouth Library.

DO YOU HAVE YOUR "NO LNG" STICKER???

DO YOU WANT ONE?

Call Deborah O'Hara at 401-683-2022

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Happy Holidays to Everyone on Common Fence Point!!