



## **Common Fence Point Improvement Association**

**Quarterly Newsletter**

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### ***Common Fence Point Summer Cookout To Be Held On July 26<sup>th</sup>***

The CFP Summer Cookout will be held on Saturday, July 26<sup>th</sup> from noon until dusk. Tickets can be purchased for \$6 per person and children under 3 are free. Delicious picnic fare will be offered: hot dogs, hamburgers, and sides. For dessert there will be watermelon and ice cream! The National Guard has again contributed their climbing wall to challenge those folks that didn't try it last year. We had quite a few successful climbers, especially the young girls! In addition, the children will also be able to expend their excess energy in the Bounce About, which is always a favorite with the young ones.

The highlight of the event (for adults!) will be the drawing of the lucky winners of the **C**hance to win **F**abulous **P**rices(see Page 2). Raffle tickets will be available for purchase at the Picnic up until the time of the drawing. You do not have to be present at the drawing to claim your prize(s).

Please remember your chairs and blankets. Coolers are allowed. Bring whatever you need to be comfortable. We will provide the rest! Tickets for the Cookout can be purchased at the L'il Corner Store or by calling **Pat McHale** at 401-683-4826, or **Jackie Shearman** at 401-683-0916. See you there!

### ***4<sup>th</sup> of July Is Upon Us And So Is The CFPIA Bonfire Policy***

The official CFPIA policy regarding bonfires was drawn up in response to complaints from both the Portsmouth Fire Department and the Coastal Resource Management Council, which occurred in 1998. Each complaint cited the piling of debris and burning of said debris without permits and within close proximity to the shoreline and salt marshes. **CFPIA adopted the following resolution regarding bonfires at its quarterly meeting June 15,1999:**

***"The Common Fence Point Improvement Association (CFPIA) will permit a bonfire for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday only. Permits to be let by the Portsmouth Fire Department no earlier than 7 days prior to the burn. Permit holder will be responsible for monitoring the build of the pile, for monitoring the actual burn start to finish, and for the cleanup of the remains. Removal of any remains is to be performed within 7 days of burn.***

***Bonfires shall consist of untreated wood only. The Portsmouth Fire Department may issue permits to CFPIA Trustees only at other times of the year for ground maintenance."***

**Trustees of Record in 1999: Scott Boyd, Patricia Freeborn, Thomas McHale, Sara Farina, and John Silvia**  
**Trustees of Record in 2008: Jonathon Gerwitz, Mil Kinsella, Bill Lund, Tom McHale, and John Silvia**

Implied in this policy statement is that piles cannot be constructed any sooner than 7 days before the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. Explicit in this policy statement is that someone must take full responsibility for all aspects of a bonfire, including getting the permit, **after** they obtain approval from the CFPIA. Burning without a permit from the Fire Department is a punishable offense. Piling debris on a coastal resource is a punishable offense. Tradition does not excuse any of us from responsibility. You **can** have a bonfire. Have a safe the 4<sup>th</sup>!

### ***2008 CFPIA Membership Dues Mailing Coming Up***

CFPIA membership reminders will be mailed out in July. We are trying to simplify the process by doing a yearly mailing. New residents will receive their membership form as soon as possible after they purchase property on CFP. Your annual dues are used to pay for expenses in running and maintaining the Hall, insurance expenses, printing costs, postage, and other expenses. We appreciate all members who pay their dues! To insure your dues are spent wisely, come to the monthly meetings, held every 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month, beginning at 7:15pm. The membership form is also available on [www.CFPIA.org](http://www.CFPIA.org). If you have any questions on membership, please call **Barbara Jones** at 401-682-2799.

### ***Jonathan Gerwitz Is Named Trustee***

After many years of service, CFPIA Trustee **Sara Farina** resigned this year. Jonathan Gerwitz of Narragansett Road was tapped as her replacement. Although large shoes to fill, Jonathan has jumped in and is getting up to speed on the issues currently facing the Trustees. If you see him around the Point, wish him well in his new position. CFPIA is fortunate to have a community minded person ready to serve our organization.

#### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

<b>07/26/2008 - CFPIA Summer Cookout</b>	<b>Page 1</b>	<b>07/26/08 Last Day to Purchase Raffle Tickets- Page 2</b>
<b>09/20/2008 - Get the Drift Coastal Clean Up</b>	<b>Page 3</b>	<b>08/17/08 Annual CFP Run/Walk 10 am – Page 3</b>
<b>Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the Month –CFPIA Meeting 7:15pm</b>		

## ***Chance to win Fabulous Prizes, 2008***

The Common Fence Point Improvement Association is holding another high-end raffle during June and July. Prizes will be drawn at the annual CFP Picnic on July 26, 2008. All proceeds from the raffle will benefit the CFPIA Hall Fire Code Fund which funds a fire alarm, sprinklers, fire suppression system, and facility upgrades to meet the RI Fire Code. The drawing will be held at the CFPIA Picnic on July 26<sup>th</sup>. **You do not need to be present to win.** This year, as last year, we have individual prizes and prize packages. All prizes and prize packages are valued at over \$200 each. The prizes and their generous donors are as follows:

### **Individual Prizes:**

1. Hot Air Balloon Ride for 1
2. Golf Package for 4 with carts
3. Golf Package for 4 with carts
4. Fine Wine Basket
  
5. Heating Oil
6. 4 Hydrangea Bushes

**Balloon Adventures of New Bedford, Inc. South Dartmouth, MA**  
**Newport Country Club, Newport, RI**  
**Montaup Country Club, Portsmouth, RI**  
**Allen's Wine and Spirits, Ferreira's, Gleeson's, and Moriarty's, all of Portsmouth, RI**  
**Shearman's Oil, Tiverton, RI**  
**Bob Stevenson, Middletown, RI**

### **Prize Packages:**

#### **1. Restaurant Package**

Gift Certificates to

**15 Point Rd, Portsmouth, RI**  
**Brick Alley Pub, Newport, R**  
**Canfield House, Newport RI**  
**Castle Inn and Restaurant, Newport RI**  
**Lobster Pot, Bristol, RI**  
**Roberto's, Bristol, RI**

#### **2. Newport Night Out Package**

2 night stay  
Gift Certificate

**Howard Johnson Inn, Middletown, RI**  
**Newport Blues Café**

#### **3. Pamper Yourself Package**

Hair Cut  
Pedicure  
Liquid Silver 18" Necklace by Silpada  
1 Hour Massage  
Gift Certificate  
Gift Basket

**Revive Salon, Portsmouth, RI**  
**The Avenue Salon, Middletown, RI**  
**Mil Kinsella, Portsmouth, RI**  
**Healing Arts Professionals, Middletown, RI**  
**Cappuccino's, Middletown, RI**  
**Custom House Coffee, Middletown & Portsmouth, RI**

#### **4. Theater Package**

2 Tickets to Dinner/Cabaret  
2 Tickets to Trinity Rep

**Newport Play House & Cabaret Restaurant, Newport, RI**  
**Trinity Repertory Theatre, Providence, RI**

#### **5. Music Package**

2 Piano Lessons for 1 or 2  
3 Guitar Lessons or Piano Tuning  
2 Tickets to 2 Common Fence Music  
(Selected events available)

**Jacqueline Johnson, Portsmouth, RI**  
**Bob Tomassone, Portsmouth, RI**  
**Common Fence Music, Portsmouth, RI**

#### **6. Garden Package**

Flowering Pear Tree  
Child's Adirondack Chair  
Bird Feeder and Seed

**Island Garden, Portsmouth, RI**  
**John Martin, Portsmouth, RI**  
**Domica's Agway, Portsmouth, RI**

#### **7. Sports Package I**

Kayak Rental for 2, 3 days each  
1 Month Training Session

**Eastern Mountain Sports, Middletown, RI**  
**Peak Fitness, Portsmouth, RI**

#### **8. Sports Package II**

8 Games of Laser Tag  
Karate Lessons  
4 General Admission Tickets  
Baseball, Autographed by  
Brandon Moss of Boston Red Sox

**Laser Gate, Fall River, MA**  
**West Haven Academy of Karate Rhode Island Center, Inc., Portsmouth, RI**  
**Pawtucket Red Sox, Pawtucket, RI**  
**Your Sports Memorabilia Store, Newport, RI**

Tickets are 3 chances for \$10. On each ticket, the purchaser will enter the number of the prize they want to win. To purchase tickets, please contact **Jackie Shearman** at 401-683-0916 or **Pat McHale** at 401-683-4826. We are also looking for volunteers to sell tickets as well. Please contact **Jackie** or **Pat** if interested. Don't miss your chance to win a fabulous prize! Watch for volunteers selling tickets door to door. Good luck to all!

#### **Attention!!**

The Scholastic Book Fair, originally schedule for a date in August, has been cancelled. The company is no longer offering these fund raising events.

## ***Earth Day, 2008***

Thank you to all who participated in the Earth Day Clean Up this year. We not only had a gorgeous warm spring day, we also had 64 individuals sign in to take part. **Mil Kinsella**, who always is a co-chair, if not complete organizer, of this event, was taken away this year to participate in the restored Boyd's Marsh walk. But, young **Olivia Nary** quite ably filled in for her to help **Brenda Whalen Munro**, this year's Chairperson, with event set up and distribution of bags and gloves. **Brenda** and **Olivia** met some new residents of CFP, which was very exciting - this is an excellent way to get to know many of your neighbors. In addition to the volunteers, we need to thank all who contributed food and drink to feed the volunteers. It was all greatly appreciated. The Point is a much cleaner place, thanks to **Brenda** and **Olivia**. Thanks ladies!

## ***Annual Get The Drift And Bag It - September 20<sup>th</sup>***

Volunteers interested in cleaning the shoreline this year are asked to call **Mil Kinsella** at 401-633-2606 or email her at [sterlingmil@cox.net](mailto:sterlingmil@cox.net) to register. Pre-registering will help to determine the amount of supplies needed, including the number of tee shirts to order. The time of the clean up will be determined by the tides. Watch for signs at the Entrance Garden and updates on the website.

This is the cleanup where volunteers are asked to record all debris picked up and tally the amounts on a data card. The information is used by The Ocean Conservancy to educate people and create solutions to the problem of solid waste and litter.

## ***Attention CFPIA Residents – Road Race To Be Held On August 17<sup>th</sup> At 10am***

This is the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual CFP Road Race to benefit the Portsmouth High School Boosters Club. The route takes the runners onto some CFP streets. All residents, and in particular, those that live on the following streets may experience some short traffic delays: Anthony Rd, Attleboro Ave, Common Fence Blvd, Greenfield Ave, Massachusetts Blvd, Rhode Island Blvd, Massasoit Ave, Narragansett Blvd, King Philip St, Rayham Ave, North Water St, Summit Rd, and Sakonnet Drive. For more information on the race, please call **John Santillo** at 401-683-4733.

## ***Ben's Eagle Scout Project Takes Off***

As you have probably noticed, there is a structure being built in the vicinity of the Playground. For his Eagle Scout project, **Ben Ricci**, a CFP resident, has been responsible for the construction of this shed, which is going to serve as storage for CFPIA mowing equipment. Ben was also responsible for the design and the solicitation of funds and materials for the project.



**Ben** tentatively watches as the process begins. East Coast Construction breaks ground where the shed will be located.



The shed is nearing completion. This photograph shows the progress of the project as of June 27, 2008

The CFPIA has been fortunate to receive other inquires from Boy Scouts looking to perform projects for our community to earn their Eagle Scout Badge. It should be refreshing to all to know that our teenagers are still interested in helping and giving back to the Community. Stay tuned for updates on Ben's project and more.

## ***Marilyn Napier Takes Over as Treasurer, More Volunteers Needed!***

**Marilyn Napier** of Anthony Road will succeed **Stephanie Mills** as Treasurer of the Association. Stephanie has done an outstanding job for the past 2 years as Treasurer, particularly since we have been accumulating a larger than normal Treasury due to our funding raising events for the Fire Code Update. In addition, since we have adopted a non-profit status, we need to keep extremely accurate accounting practices for the IRS. We thank Stephanie for her excellent work and thank Marilyn for stepping up to the plate, especially considering she is only a part-time resident!

We are still looking for replacements for the remaining officers. If anyone is interested in maintaining the Membership, coordinating the Community Hall rentals, or publishing the Newsletter, please attend the next monthly meeting or email [officers@cfpia.org](mailto:officers@cfpia.org)

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### ***Earth Day Cleanup At The Entrance Garden***



A big gardening pat on the back goes to **Lisa Remy**, **Barbara Jones** and **Barbara Ney** who toiled in the warm weather, amending the soil with compost donated by **Martin Van Hof** of **Island Garden**. The gardeners also enhanced our ever-growing Entrance Garden with contributions from their own gardens. In addition, thanks to **Joe Ney** who helped direct traffic around the gardeners and provided extra muscle and words of encouragement! If anyone would like to help share in the watering duties at the Entrance Garden this summer, please contact Barbara Ney at [barbney@gmail.com](mailto:barbney@gmail.com).