



Common Fence Point Improvement Association
Quarterly Newsletter
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LNG Presentation by Save the Bay to be Held on March 24th

A presentation by Save the Bay will take place on March 24th at 7pm at the Community Hall. CFPIA residents, as well as any other interested parties may attend. The speaker will be **John Torgan**. John is the official "Bay Keeper" for Save The Bay, where he has worked for over 17 years. The discussion will center on the proposed LNG terminal in Mt Hope Bay by Hess. The presentation will last for approximately 30 to 40 minutes, followed by a question and answer period.

This topic has been hotly debated in both Rhode Island and Massachusetts for several years. Many different agencies as well as politicians have given their positions at multiple meetings and information sessions. We will discuss the position the CFPIA should take at the April 19th Community meeting.

Please plan to attend the presentation on March 24th. Bring your questions, concerns and interests and let your voice be heard.

Shaw's Reward Program Will Benefit CFPIA

Looking for another way to contribute to the CFPIA? The CFPIA is now participating in the Shaw's Supermarket Reward Program. You can easily join the program by linking your Rewards Card to the CFPIA's Community ID number. Shaw's will contribute a percentage of each supporter's eligible Rewards Card purchases on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays to your designated non-profit organization.

JOIN TODAY:

- 1.) Go to www.shaws.com
- 2.) Click on Cares-Helping our community
- 3.) Click on Community Rewards
- 4.) Click on Shoppers – login or register with Rewards Card first
- 5.) Login with your rewards card# and phone number
- 6.) Welcome to Shaw's community awards – sign me up
- 7.) Use CFPIA account # **49001023322** and specify percentage (up to 100%) you would like Shaw's to donate ([update now](#))

Please contact **Dennis Macedo** for more information or if you have a question or problem at 401-683-6104.

Annual Egg Hunt to be Held on April 3rd

The Annual Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, April 3rd, starting at 1:00PM at the Common Fence Point Community ball field. 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!

Remember - Bring Your Own Basket and **please be prompt!** The hunt is organized by age group, starting with toddlers. But once the Egg Hunt is started, the kids are eager to set off and it's over quite quickly! So **please** get there on time. Every year, we have several disappointed children who, upon arrival, find out that the hunt is already over.



DATES TO REMEMBER

Every 3rd Monday of the Month –CFPIA Meeting 7:15pm
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Help Needed at the Entrance Garden

CFP resident **Barbara Ney** continues to maintain the Common Fence Point Entrance Garden this year, and is always looking for a few good hands! If you'd like to get your hands dirty for 1/2 hour a week during the spring, summer or fall to help maintain the garden, give Barbara a call at 293-0066 or email her at barbney@gmail.com. All that is required is light weeding and watering when necessary. It's everyone's garden - have a hand in it!

And keep this quote in mind: *"There can be no other occupation like gardening in which, if you were to creep up behind someone at their work, you would find them smiling."* - Mirabel Osler

Clement's Market Friends Fund and Playground News

Since we began collecting Clement's Market receipts in 2001, these are the totals amounts donated back to us by Clement's Market per year:

2001 – 400.60
2002 – 400.48
2003 – 800.48
2004 – 400.37
2005 – 801.97
2006 – 803.95
2007 – 1,010.15
2008 – 1,209.12
2009 – 806.04

Our total amount donated to us over the past nine years is **\$6,834.37**.

Thank you to the residents and friends of CFPIA and the Playground Project for your continued support to our cause by donating your Clement's Receipts. This year we replaced two baby swing seats that broke due to wear and tear and weather.

We also replaced 3 bubble panels that were deliberately destroyed. The bubble panels on the large piece of equipment cost around \$100.00 each. We thank **Carlton Johnson**, who volunteered to replace these broken bubble panels. Thanks Carlton!

Anyone who is caught damaging the Playground – or any CFPIA property will make restitution. Recently, a young man was apprehended by the Portsmouth Police because of damage that was made to the Playground. This person was held accountable for the damages and made restitution.

Many young children and their parents and caregivers enjoy a trip to the park and playground. Please make it safe and fun for them by respecting the area. We thank Clement's Marketplace for providing this fund-raiser and we thank all who turn in their receipts to the Lil Corner Store or to **Jackie Shearman**. Keep them coming!!

Let's Talk Trash!

In order to keep the Playground neat and safe, we have trash barrels on the property for disposal of trash, doggie droppings, etc. etc. As has been asked numerous times before, it would be so helpful if we could depend on someone to regularly pick up the trash – OR – have anyone stop and check on the trash cans as they head to the Transfer Station. We are not picky! We will take either! Please volunteer to pick up the trash – or if you think of it when going to the Transfer Station, take a moment to stop and see if the cans need to be emptied.

And now to the Trash Can Angel who did stop and emptied the **frozen** trash cans this winter XOXOXOXOXO!!!!

Committee Members Are Needed to Plan Upcoming Events!

We are looking to form a new Event Committee to plan some events for 2010 and 2011. It is difficult for a handful of people to plan, organize and execute an event. We could not hold our annual summer cookout last year due to a lack of volunteers. We would like to hold at least one Summer event, possibly a concert at the playground, or a possibly one Fall activity such as a pig roast or barbeque in the park. Anyone interested in planning either or these events or if you have ideas for some NEW events, please call **Mary Ann Von Handorf** at 401-683-0661 or **Dennis Macedo** at 401-683-6104.

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Earth Day, April 24th, 2010!

This year Earth Day will be held on Common Fence Point on April 24 from 9am – noon. This is a very popular event with residents. It's a great opportunity to meet and work with your neighbors to clean up and beautify the neighborhood. If you would like to sign up, please contact **Brenda Munro** at bwhalenmunro@aol.com, or just come to the Community Hall that morning for your assignment. Please bring your own gloves and wear comfy clothes.



Tolls on the Sakonnet Bridge?

Do you have a position on this issue? Please bring it to the April 19th meeting at the Community Hall. We will be discussing whether we, as a community organization, should take a stand on it. At the same meeting, we will also review the presentation made by Save the Bay on the LNG terminal proposal in Mt Hope Bay.