



Common Fence Point Improvement Association

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2010 CFPIA Membership Dues Mailing Coming Up

The CFPIA Annual Membership Drive will be in full swing this summer. All property owners and residents are welcome to join or re-join the Association. While income from hall rentals, donations, and fund raisers helps us to operate our Association, membership dues are the foundation of our financial security.

So, what do we need this money for? **The yearly cost to maintain the Hall for our members and families is \$10,000 a year.** No, that was not a typo! Just like any other home on the CFP, the Hall needs to be insured, heated, cooled, lighted, cleaned, plowed, and otherwise regularly maintained. You know how these expenses add up for you. It's the same for the Community Hall.

In addition to Hall maintenance, we use our funds for field maintenance, land preservation, and community events. We are able to hold free events like the Annual Egg Hunt, and Halloween Drop In or low cost events we have had in the past, like the CFP Summer Cookout, which is scheduled for this year on July 31st (see Page 4).

What are the benefits of joining CFPIA? Besides helping your community and contributing to the sustainability of the Community Hall, members also receive a 50% discount on the Hall rental rate. To learn more about CFPIA, and to see how your membership dues are being spent, please attend the meetings on the 3rd Monday of every month at 7:15PM at the Community Hall. Please support your neighborhood by becoming a member! CFPIA membership reminders will be mailed out in July. The membership form is also available on www.CFPIA.org. If you have any questions, please contact **Mary Ann Von Handorf** at 401-683-0661.

Save the Bay's Visit to CFPIA

In March, John Torgan of Save the Bay was invited to share his insight into the proposal by Hess to build an LNG terminal in Mount Hope Bay, just over the Massachusetts line. A four mile pipeline would pass by Common Fence Pt and down Narragansett Bay. This was the first of a series of Speakers we hope to present on issues of importance to our community. Save Bristol Harbor and Weaver's Cove LLC have also asked to be put on our Speaker's list. If you have any interest in hearing either of these two groups speak on the LNG issue, please contact **Mil Kinsella** at 401-633-2606 or email her at sterlingmil@cox.net.

Since this presentation, the Rhode Island House of Representatives passed a measure requiring any tankers traveling on the water to have a 25 foot clearance under our bridges. Currently, the tankers that Hess is proposing to transport LNG only have a 5 foot clearance. You may contact our State Senator Charles Levesque to find out where the Senate vote stands on this issue.

Plants are needed to spruce up the Entrance Garden

The CFP Entrance Garden is looking for a few good plants! If you're thinning out your gardens this summer and have extra plants such as day lilies, black-eyed Susan, coneflower, or other durable plants that take strong sun, sandy soil and are low maintenance, please contact **Barbara Ney**. She would be happy to pick them up at your home or you can just drop them off in a bucket containing water and soil at the entrance garden. Please identify plant type with a tag or note. Barbara can be contacted at 401-293-0066 (leave message) or via email at barbney@gmail.com. As always, she encourages volunteers to help out with the garden. Contact Barbara anytime to volunteer.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Every 3rd Monday of the Month –CFPIA Meeting 7:15pm
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Annual CFP Egg Hunt

The Egg Hunt took place this year on Saturday, April 3rd. It was a lovely day, but just a bit breezy. That didn't deter any of the usual enthusiasm by the children.

Ashley Jefferds, Jessie Jefferds, Samantha Jefferds, Samantha Pridgen, Rachael Sardinha, Rachel Souza, Laura Blanchette, Kaitlyn Shaker, Sabrina Aguiar were responsible for filling over 1000 eggs, as well as hiding them on the playground on the day of the event.

It took less than a half hour for the eggs to be found and checked for prize numbers. Thankfully, the "Bunny" was able to reschedule and surprised the children with an appearance and photo op. Thanks to **Cass Barrett, Barbara Jones, Karen Shearman, Tracy Boyd, and Jackie Shearman** for volunteering at this event.

Special thanks to the **Maloney** family for arranging the Bunny's appearance. Again! This family is very well connected!



Marcus and Andreous Longobardi await their turn to hunt for eggs.



The Bunny poses for a photo op, surrounded by the kids after the hunt.

4th of July and the CFPIA Bonfire Policy

Bonfires on the 4th of July is a tradition in Common Fence Point, however, tradition does not excuse any of us from responsibility. 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 on CFP property at its quarterly meeting June 15,1999:**

“The Common Fence Point Improvement Association (CFPIA) will permit a bonfire for the 4th 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 2010: Jonathon Gerwitz, Bill Lund, Tom McHale, Mil Kinsella, and John Silvia**

Implied in this policy statement is that piles cannot be constructed any sooner than 7 days before the 4th 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..** So, if you want to have a bonfire this year, plan it early, follow these rules, and have a safe 4th of July. Please notify the Portsmouth Police if you see anyone building a bonfire without a permit.

Annual Get the Drift and Bag It – September 25, 2010

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 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 or 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.

Membership Mailing Help is Needed

As reported on Page 1, the membership mailing is coming up this summer. **MaryAnn Von Handorf** is looking for volunteers to help her with the folding. You can either meet with other volunteers on a specific night, or you can volunteer to do the folding at your convenience. In either case, please call **Mary Ann** ASAP at 401-683-0661 to volunteer! Thanks.

Walking and Bicycling Safety for all CFP'ers

Now that summer is here and school is out, please remind your family members of some simple rules of the road when walking and biking. **Walkers** are to go **against** traffic so they can see traffic as it comes and get out of the way as necessary. **Bicycle riders** are to ride **with** traffic. Also, vests and flashers are cheap and they make you a lot easier to see. Where one and you'll see!

Remember, "**Ride with. Walk against.**"

Thanks for keeping our neighborhood safe for all!"

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The CFPIA Summer Cookout is Back!

After a year off, we are bringing back the Summer Cookout. This year, it will be held at the CFP Playground on Saturday, July 31st, with a rain date of Sunday, August 1st. Wristbands will be available at the Corner Store in advance, and can also be purchased on the day of the event. The cost of the wristband is \$6 which will entitle you to a hot dog, a hamburger, a small bag of potato chips and an ice cream treat. Children under the age of 3 are admitted for free. There will be a bounce-about and other children's activities to keep the kids entertained while their parents relax for a while.

Drinks and water will be available for purchase, but you are welcome to bring a cooler. You are also encouraged to bring your own chairs or picnic blankets.

As always, help is needed to coordinate an event such as this. We need grills and grillers, help with the sales of wrist bands, as well as help with set up and break down. If you can assist with any of these tasks, we would appreciate it. Please contact **Marilyn Napier** at 401-934-0980 or mpnapier@yahoo.com or **Jackie Shearman** at 401-683-0916.

See you at the Cookout!

