



Common Fence Point Improvement Association
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SAVE THE DATE – APRIL 23rd - 3 EVENTS ON ONE DAY

Earth Day

This year Earth Day will be held on Common Fence Point on April 23 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. Please bring your own gloves and wear comfy clothes. You can register ahead of time with **Mil Kinsella** by calling her at 401-633-2602 or by e-mailing **Brenda Munro** at bwhalenmunro@aol.com. You can also just come to the Hall on Saturday morning, April 23rd.

We are very happy and honored to have Portsmouth Cub Scout Pack 50 pre-registered again this year. Thanks guys!

Please bring your own gloves, rakes, shovels and/or other tools you may need. It is also helpful to have small plastic bags for carrying along the beaches and roadsides for holding litter to deposit into the large brown trash bags. If the sun is out, don't forget your sunscreen!

Earth Day ... Continued ... With a Property Tour Walk

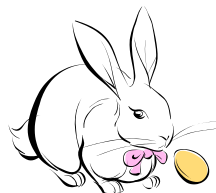
As part of our Earth Day Clean Up, **Mil Kinsella**, our own resident naturalist, will conduct a property tour of three of CFPIA's inland parks. We will start out from the Earth Day Cleanup station, in the parking lot, across from the Community Hall at 11 am. While we are on the tour, we may need to pick up some trash, so bring a big brown yard waste bag, if you can.

We may have to forge a path or two, so bring your pruning shears, if you have a pair. The parks are within five minutes of each other, but plan for two hours. You can expect to see an osprey nest, songbirds and possibly some other surprises. Please call **Mil** at 401-633-2606, if you would like to join us. If the warm weather has begun, wear bug spray, sunscreen and long pants!

Earth Day ... Continued ...With the Annual Egg Hunt!

The Annual Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, April 23rd, 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! Rumor has it that our own CFP Bunny will stop by for photo ops!!

Remember – it's BYOB (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 **April 23rd – Earth Day – Page 1**
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Penny Sale to Be Held This Summer Will Benefit CFPIA

An Old-Fashioned "Penny Sale" is being planned and will be held on Saturday, July 16th from 2pm to 4pm at the Common Fence Point Community Hall.

A "Penny Sale" is a series of raffles. Residents and local businesses are asked to donate **new or regiftable items**. Some examples of what might be donated are household items, toys, books, plants, baby items, gift cards, or gift certificates for services. Each item should be at least \$15 or more in value. Participants will purchase raffle tickets to win the items displayed. We are asking for your help as a community in supporting this event by donating a gift, a service, some finger foods, and by attending and purchasing raffle tickets. You must be present to win.

During the event, refreshments will be available for purchase. The proceeds of this event will benefit the Common Fence Point Improvement Association, to help with expenses for Hall maintenance. We are hoping to also be able to use some of the proceeds to fund future events.

Please call **Jackie Shearman** at 401-683-0916 for further information or to offer to help with the event. **Jackie, Pat McHale** and **Sue Travers** are the coordinators of the event. More information will be available in local newspapers and web sites closer to the date of the event.

Membership Committee News

The Membership Committee is gearing up for the mailing of membership renewals for 2011. First, we would like to thank all those who helped with last year's mailing, especially first time volunteers, **Angela Mandia** and **Diane Barrett**. Second, if you can give about an hour the end of June or beginning of July, we can always use help folding and applying the seals. It goes quickly if we have about six volunteers. Contact **Mary Ann Jencks** at 401-683-0661 or email her at mavh06@hotmail.com to offer your assistance.

Thank you for your continued support of CFPIA by paying your dues – and reaping the benefits for less than 50 cents a week! What can you get for 50 cents a week these days?

That's all it costs to become a member of the Common Fence Point Improvement Association (CFPIA). Family membership has remained at \$25 for years. Membership is open to all residents whether you are a property owner or renter. Are you wondering what you get for being a member? Membership dues are used to maintain the Community Hall, preserve trust land, and provide functions at minimal or no cost at all to the residents. We have over 40 acres of land that was left in trust to the residents to be used by everyone. This includes the beach, marsh areas, the playground, and ball field, and numerous pocket parks throughout the neighborhood. It takes money to maintain and preserve this land. Another benefit is that members receive 50% off the Community Hall rental fee. If you have ever checked into renting a venue, you will see what a great deal that is. There are approximately **600** households in Common Fence Point, and only about **200** members. Just imagine what activities we could hold if every household joined the Association?

What's New at the Hall? Dance Lessons for Adults and Teens!

Dance Instructor Sara Barker of East Bay Ballroom of Newport is currently teaching an adult dance class in West Coast Swing and Foxtrot on Tuesday nights from 7pm to 9pm. Beginning in May, Sara will also be offering a Salsa Dance class for teens on Tuesday from 5pm to 6pm.

Sara has been teaching in Newport for many years. In addition to lessons, she has dance parties on a regular basis, including Summer Socials at some of Newport's finest addresses!

For prices and more information on the Tuesday classes, please check Sara's website: www.eastbayballroom.com .

What's Still Going on at the Hall? YMCA Exercise Classes!

Our own CFP resident Moira Maloney continues to teach classes on Mondays and Wednesdays at the Hall. Classes will continue all summer long, so to stay in shape or just stay tuned, email Moira at moiragmaloney@cox.net

Help at the Entrance Garden

CFP resident **Barbara Ney** continues to maintain the Common Fence Point Entrance Garden this year. Look for some changes being made this year. As you may have already noticed, the garden has undertaken a drastic change already. **Luke Taylor** has joined **Barbara** in volunteering to upgrade and maintain the garden.

We can always use an extra volunteer or two so if you are interested in occasional watering or weeding please contact Barbara at 401-293-0066 or email her at barbney@gmail.com

Clement's Market Friends Fund and Playground News

Last year, we collected \$1,007.01 through the Clements's Friends Fund. So far, in 2011, we have received \$401.20. Since its inception in 2001, this program has raised \$8,041.37 for the Playground Project. The money realized by this generous fund from the Clement family enables us to replace the mulch and to repair the swings and playground equipment. Thank you to all who place their receipts at the Little Corner Store and thanks to the clerks at the store for supporting this project.

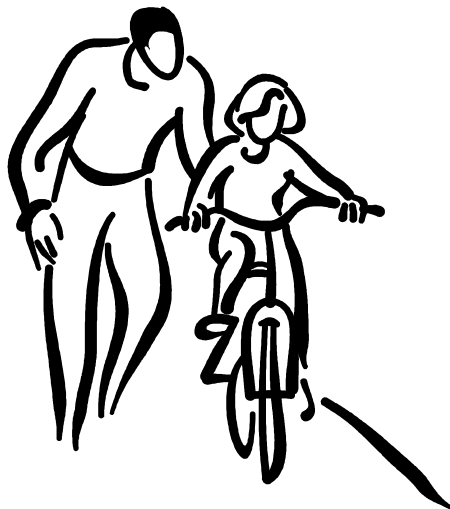
Please continue to support Clement's Market as they support not only us, but all the local non-profit organizations.

A special thank you goes out to **Jackie Shearman**, who organizes and submits the receipts to Clements – and she has been doing this since we first started applied to be a "Clement's Friend". Jackie adds up the receipts and bundles them into groups, records their value, and submits them to Clements. A tedious task at best! Thank you **Jackie!**

When You Are Out and About in the Neighborhood

It's that time of year: time to get out and start walking, biking, running, and enjoying our great neighborhood. Stay safe and remember to ride bikes with traffic and walk or run against traffic. This information comes from the National Traffic Highway Safety Administration.

Going against traffic gives you, the walker/runner, a chance to make eye contact with oncoming drivers to make sure they see you. If not, you have a chance to get out of the way. Try it, you'll be amazed to see the oncoming cars giving you room. Riders should stay as close to the curb as possible and ride with traffic. **Remember, ride with, walk against!**



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Our Community – Is It Endangered?

Have you ever had people tell you how very fortunate you are to live in such a beautiful area with water views and summer breezes, a playground and a ball field for the kids and local beaches for everyone? In addition to all that, to live in such a friendly neighborhood that has such a sense of community? We even have our own Community Hall, Well, it looks good from the outside, but from the inside, the sense of community really has not been felt recently. People are very busy. They pass the Community Hall every day but it is not even a small part of their lives here on Common Fence Point.

Years ago, there was a dinner dance every month with a live band and a full buffet for adults. Bingo was held every Friday night. There were also children's parties, a drop-in center and dances for teens. Senior Citizens and Scout Troop meeting were held on a regular basis. Summer picnics were held every year.

These activities and more could still happen if we had people who were willing to come forward and make it a reality. We raised over \$75,000 to install a sprinkler system in the Hall to preserve it for generations to come. Now we need to upgrade the kitchen facilities so that the Hall can be used for weddings, showers, birthday parties, and other gatherings. Not only will we be upgrading the Hall, but we will also make it more

We need your help in supporting the organization by becoming a member of CFPIA for \$25.00 a year, by attending our monthly meetings every third Monday of the month at 7:15 pm, and by offering your help and expertise. There are many families on Common Fence Point as is evidenced by the number of children at the Egg Hunt and Halloween Drop-In. Those events cost money, as does insurance, heating oil, electricity, snow plowing and general maintenance. Please help the CFPIA to keep the treasures that we have been given and re-establish that sense of Community that once existed here.