



Common Fence Point Improvement Association
Quarterly Newsletter
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The Entrance Garden Gets a Make Over

The old Common Fence Point welcome sign in the entrance garden had seen better days and was weathered beyond repair. It was time for a new and improved one that reflects our neighborhood and close proximity to boating and the water. Enter CFP residents **Carol Nicolau, Kimo Worthington** and **Don Grassi**, the people who are responsible for designing and installing the new sign in August. It looks terrific as you drive into the neighborhood and is most welcoming to residents and visitors alike. Thank you to our neighbors for your generosity!!

Resident **Barbara Ney** continues to maintain the garden and spruced up the area around the new sign with several fall plantings of mums, ornamental kale and perennials while resident **Luke Taylor** finished the stonework around the garden. The coming spring will bring further changes to the space so stay tuned! Luke and Barbara are planning to have garden color and interest for all 4 seasons.

As always, if you would like to donate drought tolerant plants or volunteer a half hour a week during the growing season to help keep the garden flourishing, send **Barbara** an email at barbney@gmail.com. No experience is necessary!!



Kimo Worthington, Don Grassi and the New CFP Welcome Sign in the Entrance Garden

DATES TO REMEMBER

Every 3rd Monday of the Month –CFPIA Meeting 7:15pm

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Vice President Office Vacancy STILL Open

The Association is **still** looking for a community minded individual who is willing to serve as Vice President. The office has been vacant for two years. Responsibilities include attendance at monthly meetings and assuming the role as President in his or her absence. If you are interested or just want to get more information on this office, please contact **Dennis Macera** at 401-573-5915 or come to one of the monthly meetings. Thanks!

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

For the 22st year, CFPIA participated in the International Coastal Cleanup and data collection. **Mil Kinsella** was the chairperson of the event and reported the following:

Human generated debris once again held a prominent place on the International Coastal Cleanup data sheets on Sept 17, 2011. It was an eye opener for “newbie” neighbors, like **Kim Culpan** , **Marsha and Gary Silvia**, whereas, for the 10- 20 year veterans of the Cleanup, , like **Jackie Shearman**, **Gail DeSisto**, **Leann and Hailey Gablinske**, finding 493 food wrappers in a couple of hours was the usual.

The Girl Scouts of RI Troop 715 were very enthusiastic as they dragged huge pieces of wood and metal off of the beaches, most likely the result of bonfire aftermath. Did you know that tin and aluminum take 4 to 5 years for the ocean to biodegrade? Please consider this and take nails and other metals off doors or other wood items before burning or pickup the rusty items left after the burn! Rusty nails in a child’s foot should be a concern for all, on and off the Point!

It was nearing high tide when almost 30 volunteers fanned out to cover the coastline of Common Fence Point to pick up trash and record the data for the Ocean Conservancy. They cleaned from the Sakonnet River Bridge to the northernmost tip of Aquidneck Island, then, along Mount Hope Bay to Montaup Country Club. The high tide left less access to the beach, which accounts for the lower amount of trash recorded. “Only” 384 plastic bags, 269 straws, 69 glass bottles, 203 plastic bottles, 439 caps and lids, and 122 food utensils were recorded. Feminine protection products and diapers were down from last year. Coastal building construction appears to be off as the amount of building materials found onshore was down. Is this is any indication of the economy?

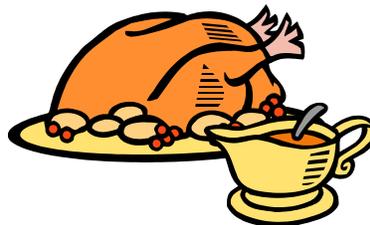
Thank your old neighbors for their dedication year after year to cleaning our beaches, and welcome to the new residents who moved here and jumped right in to volunteer their efforts. We thank **July Lewis** at the **Audubon Society of Rhode Island** for coordinating the statewide cleanup, and thanks to this year’s corporate sponsors, **Amgen**, **Dunkin’ Donuts**, **Fidelity Investments**, and **Washington Trust**.

An organization is only as strong as its’ members. Its’ success can be improved by forming partnerships. The CFPIA has embraced such relationships for years and appreciates the Town of Portsmouth’s steady partnership and the DPW crew for picking up and disposing of both the Earth Day and International Coastal Cleanups trash!

The cleanup offers MANY different opportunities for local support. Our repeated success depends on lots of people to We are grateful to you all; from the guy who carried the table from the Hall to the parking lot, to the bakers who thanked the volunteers by providing them with sweet treats when they haul their sweaty selves back to home base with their data cards! Volunteers are the backbone of any organization- and you all rocked it! See you September 15,2012!

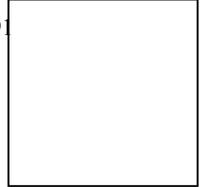
The Holidays Will Soon Be Here – Get a Jump on Getting in Shape Before Then!

The YMCA offers classes throughout the week, conveniently located at the CFPIA Hall. . Please email groupx@newportymca.org for further information on the classes currently being held and classes planned for the future..



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Halloween Drop In to be Held on October 31st!

Attention all ghosts and goblins and their parents! You are welcome to stop by the Community Hall on Halloween, Sunday, October 31st from 5pm to 7pm. Feel free to rest, recharge and use the facilities, if needed. We will provide refreshments and photographers may be on hand to take pictures of the costumed trick or treaters!

Thank you again to **Jackie Shearman**, who coordinates this event year after year.

See you on Halloween!

