



**Common Fence Point Improvement Association**  
**Quarterly Newsletter**  
**July, 2012**  
**[WWW.CFPIA.ORG](http://WWW.CFPIA.ORG)**

***4<sup>th</sup> of July and the CFPIA Bonfire Policy***

Bon fires on Common Fence Point Improvement Association property are **only** allowed on the July 4<sup>th</sup> Holiday, either July 3<sup>rd</sup> or July 4<sup>th</sup>. An application to hold a bon fire must be submitted to, approved and signed by a CFPIA trustee or officer. Once signed, the application must be presented to the Portsmouth Fire Department to further obtain a permit from them. **Please refer to page 4 for a copy of the 2012 application form.** The form will be posted to the web site in 2013. Also, beginning in 2013, if you are planning to have a bon fire, you must attend either a May or June monthly meeting to present your application.

Exceptions to the following requirements require approval of membership and only in an extraordinary situation.

CFPIA BON FIRE REQUIREMENTS:

- 1.) Bon fires can be constructed no earlier than 7 days prior to burn, and the applicant must agree to remove any and all remains with 7 days of the burn
- 2.) Only clean brush and untreated wood can be burned.
- 3.) Location is restricted to not less than 50 feet of any structure and adequate provision must be made to prevent fire from spreading to within 50 feet of any structure.
- 4.) Any open fire should be constantly attended by the applicant or a competent person assigned by the applicant until such fire is extinguished.
- 5.) The Chief of the Portsmouth Fire Department, or a designee, may prohibit any bon fire when atmospheric conditions or local circumstances make such fires hazardous or if the smoke or fumes from such fire become a nuisance to adjoining or surrounding property or persons.
- 6.) Any applicant must fill out a Bon Fire Request Form to request authorization from the CFPIA. An officer or trustee must sign the application.
- 7.) A signed CFPIA application is required to get a permit from Portsmouth Fire Department.
- 8.) The Portsmouth Fire Department will inspect the bon fire site and bon fire contents and issue a permit, if approved.

If you want to have a bon fire this year, please follow these rules to insure a safe 4<sup>th</sup> of July for all residents. Please notify the Portsmouth Police if you see anyone building a bonfire without a permit.

***CFPIA Summer Party to be Held in August***

Plans for a summer party are currently underway, thanks to CPFIA President, Dennis Macedo. The tentative date is Saturday, August 18<sup>th</sup>. Dennis is looking for ideas and volunteers. Please contact him at

***The Entrance Garden is Expanding***

Thank you to those residents who dropped off plants to be added to the growing entrance garden. In addition to the generous donations, **Barbara Ney** has added perennials, including rose bushes and creeping phlox, as well as mixed annuals to maintain color in the garden throughout the summer. CFP resident **Amy Bartlett Wright** has volunteered to help with maintaining the garden. Extra hands are always welcome! If you are interested please, contact Barbara Ney at [barbney@gmail.com](mailto:barbney@gmail.com).

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the Month –CFPIA Meeting 7:15pm  
August 18<sup>th</sup> – Save the Date – Summer Party – Page 1

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## **CFPIA Egg Hunt, 2012**

The Annual CFP Easter Egg Hunt was held on Saturday, April 7, 2012. A large number of parents and eager children turned out for the event at the playground. Three age groups - 0 to 3, 4 to 6, and 7 to 10, gathered to listen for the start of the race in their area. Thank you to the **Easter Bunny** for appearing on time and allowing some great photo ops for parents and kids. The Easter Bunny was assisted by **Ashley Jefferds, Jessie Jefferds, Sami Jefferds, Kacey Shearman, Sabrina Aguiar, Gianna DePalma** and **Kaitlyn Shaker** in filling and hiding the eggs. We are talking thousands of eggs, folks!

Thanks also to **Jeanne Drapeau, Jan Bachman, Tracy Boyd, Kendal Ventura** and **Barbara Jones** for assisting with raffles, prizes, set up and clean up. The event was organized by **Jackie Shearman**.



Mom **Kara, Charlotte** and **Isabella Museler** patiently await start of the Egg Hunt.

## **Annual Get the Drift and Bag It – September 15<sup>th</sup> , 2012**

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! Watch for signs at the Entrance Garden for the start time.

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.

## **2012 CFPIA Membership Dues Mailing Coming Up**

The CFPIA Annual Membership Drive will be starting soon. 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. CFPIA membership reminders will be mailed out in July. The membership form is also available on [www.CFPIA.org](http://www.CFPIA.org). **MaryAnn Jenks**, who is responsible for the printing, folding and mailing of the applications, could use 4 or 5 volunteers to help her this year. You can either meet with other volunteers on a specific night, or you can volunteer to do the folding at your convenience. If you have any questions, please contact **Mary Ann** at 401-683-0661.

## **Clement's Market Friends Fund Continues to Help The Playground**

We are still raising funds for the playground from the Clement's Market receipts. This year we have received over \$600.00. We earn 1% of the total value of the receipts. When \$20,000 worth of receipts is reached, we submit the receipts to Clements and a check for \$200.00 is sent to us. To date, we have raised **\$20,140.84** for the Playground!

Thanks to all who donate to this cause. We are able to submit receipts 4 or 5 times a year. The money is spent on replacing broken equipment, like swing seats and bubble panels, adding mulch when needed and weekly trash pickup. Thank you also for the kind notes that are sent in envelopes with the receipts. The notes let us know that you appreciate the people who are working daily to maintain the community hall and the grounds. We thank you for your support!

## Earth Day on CFP, 2012

The event's coordinators, **Brenda Munro and Mil Kinsella** couldn't have been more pleased with the turnout on April 21<sup>st</sup>. 22 Cub Scouts, including some of their parents, fanned out around the playground and salt marshes and still had energy to clean along Common Fence Boulevard. Thanks to Pack Leader **Cynthia Mello-Wolz** for once again organizing Pack 50 and urging them to help out.

In addition to the Cub Scouts, 30 residents and friends of Common Fence Point spread out along the beaches and roadways to bag litter. **Deb and Bob Torres** pulled 2 trailer loads of trash off of the beach- a heroic effort. Four long time residents, **Jackie Shearman, Jan Branco, Gail Desisto, and Diane Barrette**, were back again this year – and have probably pulled a tractor trailer load of garbage off our beaches and out of the bushes during the last 23 years that the CFPIA has been sponsoring the Earth Day Cleanup. Thank you to all!

Eagle Scout, **Stephen Gotovich**, added an informative attraction at the assignment center that day, with a fantastic bat box and pictorial display board. Steven is building bat boxes as part of his Eagle Scout project and is donating one to the Community. You'll soon be able to see many samples of his bat houses around Melville Pond. Watch out mosquitoes!

Thanks to the press for some great coverage, the DPW for their constant support, and a special thanks to **Frank and Brenda Munro** for gathering up all the trash bags and bringing them to the Hall, to make it easier for the DPW to pick up the following Monday, when rain was forecast!



**Stephen Gotovich** on Earth Day, showing his hand made bat house and informational display board.

### *Have You Seen Our New Lawn Mower In Action?*

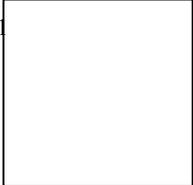


We recently purchased a new riding mower for the playground and ball field with money from our general fund and a grant from the Aquidneck Island Land Trust.

As some of you may have noticed, last year we were not able to keep up with mowing. It was partially due to needing a new mower, but more importantly, we need volunteers to help us! And, no, you don't need to mow the entire area. By just volunteering a couple of hours, you will be filling an immense need that has been filled for many years by CFP resident **Scott Boyd**. When we are lucky enough to have volunteers, Scott does the coordination and assigns the mowing areas. When we don't have volunteers, **Scott** does all the work himself. Please contact **Scott** ASAP at 401-683-0732 or via email [sboyd8@cox.net](mailto:sboyd8@cox.net) to volunteer your time.

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### 2012 CFPIA Bon Fire Application Form

**To request CFPIA approval for a bon fire on July 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup>, fill out this form, and contact an Officer or Trustee of the Association to get their signature. Bring the signed application to the Portsmouth Fire Department to apply for a permit with the Town.**

Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Bon Fire : \_\_\_\_\_

Location of Bon Fire: \_\_\_\_\_

I agree to the policy for the construction, monitoring, and clean up of bon fires on CFPIA property and by signing this document, take full responsibility thereof.

Applicant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

CFPIA Officer/Trustee: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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