



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 15, 2012

Last year, in Rhode Island, 2000 volunteers scoured the state coastline, removed and catalogued 25,000 pounds of trash. Internationally, 24,384 light bulbs were plucked from our earth's shores – enough to replace every light bulb in the Eiffel Tower! In the history of this International Coastal Cleanup, 9 million people collected 144 million pounds of trash in 152 countries. The highest percentage of trash was cigarette related. Almost 20,000 cigarettes and lighters were picked up in 3 hours. Caps and lids came in second. 969,244 plastic bags were collected worldwide – 8519 in Rhode Island, alone! Perhaps Barrington is on to something with their plan to ban plastic bags!

Why do these volunteers, with ages ranging from 4 to 80 do this cleanup year after year? Because it's the right thing to do! Can you imagine if the millions of pounds of trash were left to swirl around the world's waterways? And the trash that settles on the sea bottom would deprive oxygen from a host of species, suffocating some and starving others.

In Common Fence Point, 32 volunteers picked up 320 pounds of trash. Thank you to **Lisa Wagenbach**, Girl Scout Leader Marissa Stuart and her Troop 715, the **Gablinske** team, newcomer **Pam Mandler**, and **Ellen Nichols**. Hope to see you all next year.

You don't need to wait to make a difference! Ocean Coastal Access conducts coastal cleanups all year long. Visit their website, www.cleanoceanaccess.com for more information.

And remember – you don't need to wait for an organized clean up! Taking a walk? Bring along a bag and keep our neighborhood clean. Taking a walk with your dog? PLEASE clean up after your pet.

Get a Jump on Your New Year's Resolution – More Exercise!

The YMCA offers classes throughout the week, conveniently located at the CFPIA Hall. . Please email **Moria Maloney** at groupx@newportymca.org for further information on the classes currently being held and classes planned for the future. Classes are formatted so that all levels are able to participate.

Yoga Classes at the Community Hall

Yoga classes are currently scheduled for November 3rd, November 24th, December 15th and December 29th. All classes are taking place on Saturdays from 7-8pm. The cost per class is \$5. If you need more information, please contact Maureen Sweeney @ jerseygirlmo@hotmail.com.

A Change in Collecting Clement's Receipts

The Common Fence Point Improvement Association has installed a locked mail box on the outside wall of the Community Hall on Anthony Road. The locked mailbox will be used to collect grocery receipts from Clement's Market, which are used to raise money to support the playground.

The receipts were collected at the Little Corner Store, which recently closed and will be sold. The receipts have been collected since 2001 and have raised \$20,146.79 for the playground. Thank you to all residents and friends who have supported this fund-raiser. Please continue to save your receipts and deposit them at the Community Hall in the slot of the mailbox.

Jackie Shearman is the contact person for this fund-raiser. For further information, call 401-683-0916.

Thank You to Our Neighbors – The Montaup Country Club!

Montaup had a fund raiser over the summer and donated \$20,000 to 9 non-profit organizations. The Board of Directors President, **Michael Fonceca**, called **Mil Kinsella** and asked if we would be interested in receiving part of the money they raised for the community. Mil proceeded to hustle the paperwork needed to apply for the money and get it over there ASAP! We were lucky to be among those non-profits. Montaup generously donated \$2,000 to CFPIA. This is one of the largest donations we have received in years! We are most appreciative and thank all their members!

Membership News

Thanks to **Mary Ann Jenks** for getting the membership mailing done again this summer. Special thanks go to **Helen Andromalos** and her new printing business, Minuteman Press of Aquidneck Island (on West Main Rd. next to Parvo's) for printing, **and pre-folding**, this year's letters. The quality was much better than other years and the pre-folding saved an abundance of time. This was the easiest mailing yet.

Here is the Membership Form – Just in Case You Misplaced Yours!

Please return this form and make your check to payable to CFPIA, PO Box 134, Portsmouth, RI 02871.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

___ Single \$20 ___ Family \$25 ___ Corporate/Patron \$75 ___ Benefactor \$100 ___ Best Friend \$100+

Dues Enclosed _____ ***Additional Donation _____

What services can you volunteer for your community?

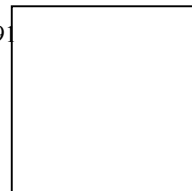
*** All additional donations will go into the General Fund and will be applied to the various efforts as needed

Thank you for your support!

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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, Wednesday, 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!

