

**Prudence
Improvement
Association**



NEWSLETTER

Summer 2013, Issue 15

Dear PIA Members,

Spring is finally here! It certainly took it's time getting here this year. The last 8 months certainly had a few challenges in store for this island community, starting with the loss of our beloved friend in a horrific fire to the fall with hurricane Sandy and in January with the blizzard (what did they call it?). Our island resources were definitely stretched to their max. The town workers went days with little to no sleep as did the PIVFD volunteers who went out to dig out the elderly and moved people from their home to the station which was manned by volunteers 24 hours a day for 3 days to keep the generators going so trucks could respond and residents without heat or electricity could come have a warm meal, charge their cell phones and sleep in warmth.



This community has always come together when called on. We looked after each other in one way or another and as time goes on I hope that never changes.

For some, changes have occurred since our last newsletter and we, the board of the PIA, would like to send our condolences to those families with loved ones from our island community who have passed away:

- William Noonan
- Barbara Farrow
- Evelyn Arghie
- David Buffium, Sr.
- Phil O'Dowd
- Ann Richie Hunter Buckley
- Louis Davies
- Nestor (Doc) Caroselli
- Dudley Williams
- Shannon Cubellis



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We are moving to an electronic Newsletter!
Please make sure we have your email address. If you don't have email we will continue to mail you by post just let us know that's what you prefer.

Encourage your friends to join the mailing list to receive PIA Newsletters and occasional information from the PIA.

Calendar of PIA Events

BINGO

PIA Hall
Fridays (June 7 - September 15)
Doors open at 7:30 Calling starts at 8:15pm
You must be 18 years or older to play.

Island Market

PIA Lawn, along 620 Narragansett Ave
Saturdays (July 6 - September 15)
9:30 - 11:30am
Locally grown produce, quahogs, meats, tee shirts, cards, flowers, baked goods and more

PIA Annual Meeting & Summer Solstice

PIA Hall
June 15, 2013
9:00am Meeting
6:30pm Summer Solstice

PYO Game Night & make your own Sundaes

PIA Hall
Tuesdays (June 25 - August 21)
6:30 - 9:30pm

PYO Movie Night

PIA Hall
Wednesdays, June 26 - August 21)
7:00pm G & 8:30pm PG13

PIA Chowder & Stuffie Cook-Off Plus Corn-Hole Tournament

PIA Hall
July 13
Corn-Hole Tournament:
Time TBA
Chowder & Stuffie Cook-off:
5pm until samples are gone

PYO Craft Fair

PIA Hall
July 20
9am - Noon

BINGO Blast

PIA Hall
September 28, 2013
12 noon

PIA Craft Fair

PIA Hall
Sat, Oct 12
9am - Noon

Dear Islanders and Friends,

We need your support more than ever. The annual membership dues keep the doors to the PIA hall open for all to enjoy. We ask that you sign up for your annual membership today. The PIA hall is where we all meet throughout the season. Whether you attend movie night, ice cream night or Bingo, none of these functions would be available without your membership dues.

In addition to the many weekly events offered by the PIA, we all enjoy the building for the Ham & Bean Supper, the Fireman's Fair and town meetings. It is often rented for weddings, family reunions and graduations.

We ask that you send your dues today so we can continue to keep the doors open. The PIA is the place we where we all meet, we thank you all for your support.

Financial News

The PYO had an income of \$4,609. and expenses of \$3,673. As of April 2013 the PYO account balance is \$2,700.



The Bingo Account had an income of \$11,098. for the regular season. The prize money which was paid out of this was \$5,675. There was no Bingo Blast in 2012. The account has \$3,685. on hand as of April 2013.

Bingo Expenses

Contract Services	\$ 5,225
Janitorial, Facilities, Maintenance	595
Amount transferred to PIA account.	7,600

The PIA account had an income of \$20,335 and expenses totaling \$21,419. As of April 2013 the balance is \$ 8,680.

Income

Membership	\$2,605
Donations	2,690
Hall Rental	760
PIA Day	1,866
Christmas Craft Fair	300
Island Market	365

**PYO Halloween
Pot Luck Party**
PIA Hall
Sat, Oct 26
6pm

Game Dinner
PIA Hall
Sat, Nov 2
Noon - 3:30pm

Game Dinner	2,508
Silent Auction	800
Miscellaneous	841
Transfer from Bingo account	7,600

Expenses

Insurance	\$4,786
Utilities	2,933
Newsletter	633
Special Events	693
Miscellaneous	1,745
Facilities & Supplies	675
Business Expense	122
Contract Services	7,892
Janitorial/Maintenance	1,940

BINGO!

Starts Friday, June 7 at 8:15pm

How do you get a roomful of people to all groan at the same time? Yell BINGO!

We have changed the start time to 8:15 so those who come on the 7:30 ferry can come right up to the hall and not miss the first game. So the PIA will be opening its doors Friday nights at 7:30pm. instead of 7:00pm. We hope this change works for all as we enter our ninth year of fun and games.



The PYO snack shack will be serving dinner, snacks and beverages. The proceeds from this snack shack go to the PYO (Prudence Youth Organization).

The bingo rules have not changed: You must be 18 years or older to play. If you have not yet played, give it a try and enjoy a night out. Who knows, you may even get to yell Bingo! Last year we gave away over \$5,675 in prize money. Proceeds from Bingo go towards building and property improvements. money. Proceeds from Bingo go towards building and property improvements.

Save PIA Land

If the Homans are successful in taking this land, access to the Sandy Point Beach and Lighthouse area will be severely impacted, and a regrettable precedent could be set for additional adverse possession claims on land that is, by mission statement of the PIA, meant to provide access for residents and visitors of Prudence Island.



We are trying to come up with an agreement that we feel is reasonable for Dick, Cathy and Richard Jr to live with while keeping the land for everyone to use and enjoy. We will be going back to court at the end of June with a proposal. If no agreement is made, the next step is a trial to defend against their claim of adverse possession.

Please help the PIA in its efforts to save land that was given to the PIA for the purpose of providing access to *all* Prudence Island residents and visitors to the beach at Sandy Point Lighthouse.

Donations can be sent to:

PIA
PO. Box 111
Prudence Island, RI 02872

pia.board@gmail.com.

Please help us maintain the ownership of this land so that *all* may enjoy continued access to Sandy Point Beach and Lighthouse.

PIA Hall Rental

Event Coordinator Terri Lima

If you would like to rent the hall please contact Terri by telephoning her at (401) 683-6860 or (401) 624-9535. Or email PIA.Board@gmail.com for the form.

Wish List

- We are looking for photos from past PIA events and history of past board members. We would like to display a time line in picture to hang on the walls. All photos will be returned.
- Bottles for the liquor basket are needed and raffle items for both kids table and goods table during the Chowder Cook-Off July 13th. We can arrange to pick items up or you can drop off at the hall on Friday during BINGO. Call us at 682-2587 or email us at PIA.Board@gmail.com

Prudence Youth Organization

Hello, my name is Madison Beck, and I am currently serving as this year's President of the Prudence Youth Association. The mission of the PYO is to give back to the Island community, get involved in PIA functions and raise money to fund some of our own really cool trips! During the summer you can find us behind the snack shack, selling food and refreshments during Wednesday Movie Night or bingo on Fridays. Game night on Tuesdays has been a big hit with islanders of all ages since we added the ice cream bar this past summer. We will be hosting more of our tournaments this summer such as ultimate Frisbee or whiffle ball, which have always been a good time in the past. These games offer a great way to stay active and meet new people for kids and adults alike.



On behalf of the entire PYO, I would like to give a special thank you to all of the adult volunteers who have lent us their time and culinary services in the past year. We appreciate all this community does for us and hope to see even more participation in the summers to come! Because you cannot officially be a part of the PYO when you turn 18, we are always looking for new members and invite all kids to join by contacting one of us or stopping by one of our meetings held at the PIA. Not only does becoming a member look fantastic on a college application or resume, but you get to come with us on some awesome trips. Last summer we went camping and took a day trip to Block Island. In January, we went on the annual ski trip up at Crotchet Mountain. If you're looking to have some fun this summer, stop by one of our meetings. We look forward to seeing you!



President - Maddie Beck
Vice President - Arden Morris
Secretary - Meg Bearse
Treasurer - Alex Brassard

PYO Annual Meeting
June 25th @ 6pm



Ages 10 - 18

Come join us and plan some events for this season. Chaperones are needed. They don't have to do anything but be on the property. Bring a book or a laptop and use the wireless internet. We fund our events by running the Make-Your-Own Sundaes on Tuesday and Snack Shack on Wednesday movie night and Friday BINGO. We have a schedule to make sure the shack has workers. PYO Workers have their event admissions paid for by the PYO. If you don't work you can still come with us, but you must pay your way.

Reminder of the RULES when attending PIA and PYO events:

1. No swearing on PIA grounds. The offender receives one warning. If caught swearing again, he or she will not be allowed back on the PIA property for 1 week.
2. There is no littering on PIA grounds. At PYO events 1 child will be designated the *Trash Police*. It will be their responsibility to make sure that all of the trash is being placed in the proper receptacles. Anyone refusing to use the trash can or giving the trash officer a hard time will be asked to leave for the remainder of the event. Also, there will no longer be any gum sold at the snack shack. It was found repeatedly on the basketball court and cement patio outside the hall.
3. No one under the age of 16 will be allowed on PIA property past 10 o'clock (unless there is a PIA function taking place or they have adult supervision).
4. Stay off the roof. This won't be tolerated. Anyone found on the roof will be charged with trespassing.

Volunteers

The PIA Needs your Help in Many Areas

If you think you can help, even just once a season is a big help, call or email us.

PIA.Board@gmail.com or 682-2587

- To chaperone:
PYO game night 6:30 - 9:30pm
PYO movie night 6:30 - 10:00pm
- Friday night Bingo, either at the door, calling numbers or in the kitchen.

We will post a calendar at the hall and on our soon-to-be-launched website for sign ups.

2013 Chowder and Stuffie Cook-off

With Corn Hole Tournament

July 13, 2013

We're looking for all of our island cooks or wannabe chefs. Last year's cook-off was a great success with the traditional chowder cook-off along with a stuffed quahog competition. All stuffie recipes were prepared in a pan and servings were scooped, making preparation a breeze.



We need contestants to make this day a success. So, dig out those family recipes and go for a year of bragging rights.

It's a fun afternoon for all. There will be a kid's table, prizes, raffles and more. We look forward to seeing everyone there.

Entry forms will be at Marcy's and at www.prudenceimprovement.org. Tickets will be sold in advance during bingo and the day of the event. The cost will be \$5.00 to taste chowders, \$5.00 to taste stuffies or \$8.00 to taste both.

Corn Hole Tournament sign up starts at 3:00.

Snack Shack is open from 4:00 - 7:00

Tasting starts at 5:00 until all sampling is done.

Drawings: Liquor basket & 50/50 drawn at 7:00

New PIA Website Coming!

June Launch Expected

Stay tuned for the new PIA website to launch sometime this June. Many months in the making, it will provide timely information about PIA-sponsored events, membership information, including an online membership payment option, Bingo dates and details, PYO events and activities, online forms for the Chowder Cook-off and other exciting events, and much more.



We'll send out an email blast when it goes live! We hope you will visit often.

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