

Prudence Improvement Association



NEWSLETTER

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Letter from the PIA President

Dear PIA Members,

The good news is it's over. Lot 5-A is and will always belong to the Prudence Improvement Association to be used by all Prudence residents and their guests. Richard, Cathy and Richard Jr. can never file a claim of adverse possession against this property again.

The bad news it has cost the PIA eleven thousand five hundred dollars, (\$11,500.00) to secure this property for now and the future.



The PIA board made the following agreement:

- We will leave a 15' opening so they can move their boat on and off their property. They may drive across to their property and Richard Jr's when delivering equipment, furniture and extra heavy items. This is NOT to be used daily and it is not a driveway. This is NOT exclusive and never will be, but is forever.
- Markers level with the ground will be installed instead of a fence to show the property line.
- The Homans will mow the area in front of the cement foundation to the beach for the next 30 years and

2014 CALENDAR OF PIA EVENTS

BINGO

PIA Hall
Fridays (June 6 -
September 14)
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 5 -
September 14)
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 21, 2014
9:00am Meeting
6:30pm Summer Solstice

PYO Game Night & Make Your Own Sundaes

PIA Hall
Tuesdays (June 24 - August
20)
6:30 - 9:30pm

PYO Movie Night

PIA Hall
Wednesdays, June 25 -
August 27)
7:00pm G & 8:30pm PG13

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

PIA Hall
July 12
Corn-Hole Tournament:
Time TBA
Chowder & Stuffie Cook-
off: 5pm until samples are
gone

PYO Craft Fair

PIA Hall
July 19
9am - Noon

BINGO Blast

PIA Hall
September 27, 2014
12 noon

can use it but cannot store anything on it for more than 48 hours at a time. The members of the Prudence Improvement Association, residents of Prudence Island, guests and the PYO can also use this area and the rest of lot 5-A for beach access and recreational games such as volleyball and frisbee etc., but cannot leave items overnight.

We believe this was the best resolution for the PIA members and the community, considering how much money it would have cost us to go to trial.

RI has a new state Fire Marshall and she paid us a visit in on August 19, 2013. We were issued 5 violations.

- We had 30 days to file an appeal, which we did. An action plan was drafted and then I, with help from Portsmouth Fire Chief Cranson, finalized it.
- On September 10th we presented the plan for each violation one at a time to the 15 member board.

We received variances for 3 violations (the installation of a sprinkler system, the installation of a ceiling and telephone-relayed fire alarm system) and we corrected 1 prior to the hearing. So the only violation we have to correct is to have 2 smoke detectors installed, in addition to the 12 heat detectors we have, before April 2014.

In our spring 2013 newsletter we sent our condolences to those families with loved ones from our island community who have passed away. We apologize for not mentioning Fred Stevenson, Sr. Mr. Stevenson had always been a supporter of the PIA from its beginning and his presence here on the island will always be missed.

Thank you,
Patricia Rossi

RAFFLE DONATIONS

Dear Islanders and Friends,

Most islanders enjoy attending fund raisers with a silent auction or raffle where there is a chance to win something. All of these items are usually graciously donated by you, our members and supporters. We continually scramble before an event to make sure we have items available. Christmas time and year-end sales are a good time to get some items for these raffles. So while you are out shopping for the great gifts and bargains, we ask that you think of the PIA and pick up an item that you can donate for an event in the upcoming season.

Thank you for all of your support, we wish you and your family a safe and wonderful Holiday season.

PIA Board

PIA Craft Fair

PIA Hall
Sat, Oct 11
9am - Noon

PYO Halloween Pot Luck Party

PIA Hall
Sat, Oct 25
6pm

Game Dinner

PIA Hall
Sat, Nov 1
Noon - 3:30pm

2013 CHOWDER AND STUFFIE COOK-OFF

The 9th annual Chowder Cook-off was a success once again. For the 2nd year, the event included both chowder and stuffies. This year was the closest competition yet with First Place Chowder bragging rights going to team "Mary and Don" and a TIE for First Place Stuffie bragging rights going to team "Tracey and Nik" and team "Don and Mary".



Thank you all for attending and helping support the PIA. Your donations make all the difference. For those of you who didn't earn bragging rights.....try again next year.

GAME DINNER

The Annual PIA Game Dinner was held on November 2. For the 5th year in a row, Ray Gaudreau lent his expertise as Master Chef with the help of his Sous-chef, Jim Lyons. Together, they cooked and prepped for 4 days prior to the event and produced an amazing 8-course meal consisting of game meat that was primarily donated. It was a fabulous near sold-out afternoon of food and camaraderie.



Ray Gaudrea and Jim Lyons at the Game Dinner

PIA HALL RENTAL

Event Coordinator, Terri Lima

We have updated the [rental form](#) for the 2014 PIA season and it is available on our [website](#) or contact any board member. 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

Please help! We need:

- 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.
- Volunteers for any of the PIA and PYO events

Please email PIA.board@gmail.com if you can help with any of these items.

PYO

Prudence Youth Organization

We are working on our 2014 ski trip. Once we have it planned out we will send out an email to see who wants to come with us. Colleen Donahue and Linda Mosher have volunteered to be our ski chaperones and Pat Rossi will be with us too.



President - Meggie Bearse
Vice President - Matt Bearse
Secretary - Crystal Santos
Treasurer - Katlyn Santos



PIA WEBSITE

The [PIA website](http://www.prudenceimprovement.org) launched early this summer. With the launch, one can now become a member of the PIA online, renew one's membership online as well as purchase T-shirts, register for the Island Market, and even sign up for volunteer opportunities securely. We hope this will make PIA members' purchases easier than ever. PIA events and other important notices will be posted regularly so islanders and visitors can find pertinent information easily. Please visit often - and let your friends know about the website!



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