

Prudence  
Improvement  
Association



# NEWSLETTER

## SPRING 2018, ISSUE 21

Dear PIA Members,

Welcome to spring?? At long last it seems to be finally showing up. It was an exceptionally windy winter here on Prudence so expect to be picking up tree branches, along with the odds and ends you thought you had secured for winter. Thanks to the continued support of our members generous donations and fundraising efforts we were able to replace the roof and the trim on the PIA building! With the new roof and trim in place we were able to activate our insurance policy once again. I am pleased to say it with stood strong through all this winter's wind. This season we hope to raise enough to have the gutters fixed and to do repairs on the walkway and railings from Narragansett Ave down to Marcy's store.

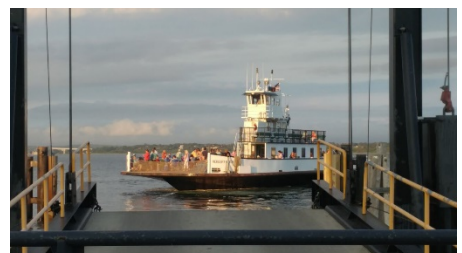
Next year, 2019, marks the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the PIA organization and we want to hear your ideas on how we should celebrate it. The building that we know as the PIA was built much later but the organization itself was founded in 1919. We would like to mark this milestone with a big celebration but we're having trouble deciding what to do and that's where we need your help! If you've got any ideas, email us at [pia.board@gmail.com](mailto:pia.board@gmail.com) or join us for the annual meeting June 16<sup>th</sup> at 9 AM. We'd love to hear from you! In addition to planning for our big celebration; we need more members to join us at our annual meeting and on PIA committees to provide input for fundraising ideas, to help with hosting events or to provide behind the scenes support of our organization.

The board of directors along with many PIA members would like to thank Donna Bains for her years of volunteering work in the snack shack with the PYO kids and for preparing numerous meals. Donna has passed her apron on and will now have Friday night to play Bingo. Thank you, Donna!!

This season we are planning to carry the same weekly events as last year. Monday nights arts and crafts all ages, Tuesday & Wednesday nights PYO events, Thursday sip & stoke painting and Friday night Bingo. The Saturday Island Market has been changed to a "Pop Up Market" free for member vendors only. The market will still be held on the PIA lawn but only on certain Saturdays to be announced throughout the summer. The weekends are left open for hall rentals to help pay the bills. Anyone looking to rent the hall can contact Terri Lima or go to our website to download the form.

[www.Prudenceimprovement.org](http://www.Prudenceimprovement.org) **The season starts with Friday night bingo June 1, @ 8:00.**

The PIA board has decided to no longer have the summer solstice in June but to instead have a cruise on the first Saturday in August. We will still have our annual meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday in June at 9 AM as written in our by-laws. This year's cruise date is August 4<sup>th</sup>. We will provide a light dinner of sandwiches, chili, chips, dessert and bottled water and a DJ. Passengers may bring their own beverages and chairs to set up on deck as we cruise down the bay towards Newport. During this trip we will be holding a 50/50 raffle. We anticipate the trip to be 7:15pm to 10:15pm, leaving from Prudence Pier. Space is limited so renew your PIA memberships and sign up early \$25/member. If the weather goes bad, we will reschedule



## MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

The PIA is looking to increase its membership again this year. The PIA is host to many activities throughout the summer which welcome children, teens and adults young and old. Every weekday evening during the summer season the PIA doors are open for events including movie nights, make your own Sundaes, arts & crafts, paint nights and of course Friday Night Bingo. The PIA provides opportunities to shop from island vendors or to rent a table and setup your own goods for sale at the large Annual Craft Fair or Island Pop-Up Market on select Saturday mornings. Summer weekend events include the Chowder Cook-Off and the Members Only Summer Cruise. The PIA stays open through early fall and Bingo blast, the Halloween pot-luck and the Game Dinner are great events to say goodbye to the summer season. The PIA building is also host to other important island events including the Ham and Bean Supper and Fireman's Fair. Supported by the PIA, Prudence Youth Organization (PYO) is open to the children of families with memberships. The PYO also holds meetings and events providing many opportunities for children (starting age 10) and teens on the island to relax and play but also work together and plan as part of an organization. Members of the PYO can work at the Snack Shack and serve on the PYO board; members who work enough hours are eligible to travel on PYO sponsored trips.

Individual memberships are \$15 and family memberships are \$25. This year for each membership we will send you a 2018 Tide Chart. Renew your membership early and you will be eligible to attend the Summer Members Only Cruise towards Newport. In addition to the countless benefits of being a PIA member your support goes a long way. The organization depends on the annual dues from members to fund maintenance and improvements for the building and properties. This year we hope to fix the gutters on the roof and repair the walkway and railings from Narragansett Ave down to Marcy's store. All members are invited to join us at our annual meeting; your membership gives you a vote and you can help us with making decisions regarding our organization, building and fundraisers.

If you are one of the PIA's loyal members, we appreciate you and thank you for your continued support. If you have not yet joined, please consider joining and being a part of our island community. We have a lot of fun! See the table below for a list of this year's member benefits.

2018 MEMBER BENEFITS	Members	Non-Members
JOIN THE PIA \$ 15. Individual Membership \$25. Family Membership	Free Tide Chart with Membership	
BINGO Friday 8:15 June 1st – September 14th	\$15 to play all 7 games	\$15 to play all 7 games + \$3 for one-day membership
ISLAND POP UP MARKET Check Saturday Morning 9:30-11:30 July-August	VENDORS Free	VENDORS \$10
SUMMER SOLSTICE MEMBER ONLY CRUISE August 4 <sup>th</sup> 7-10pm Cruise around the island, space is limited	\$20/member Light dinner BYOB	Not eligible
PYO - CRAFT FAIR July 21st 9 am-Noon	VENDORS \$20/table	VENDORS \$25/table
PYO: Officers and Snack Shack Workers	Family Membership required	Not eligible
HALL RENTAL	Members Only	Not eligible



## PIA Financial Report January 2017 – December 2017

Bingo ended the year with a bank balance of \$5,912. The game income for the season was \$11,700 and the prize payout was \$9,792. Bingo donated \$9,000 to the PIA for this year's spring projects.

The PYO ended the year with a bank balance of \$5,038. The Snack Shack had an income of \$3,634 and the Craft Fair brought in \$525. Expenses for the Snack Shack in 2017 came to \$1,746. The two-day winter trip cost \$2,111.

The PIA bank balance at the end of 2017 was \$12,376. Below are highlights for both PIA income and expenses in 2017.

	Income	Expense
Membership	\$4,355.	\$919.
Cruise	2,600.	832.
Donations	2,615.	
Hall Rentals	1,510.	
Chowder Cook-Off	2,523.	754.
Game Dinner	3,088.	1,197.
Queen of Hearts	2,103.	1,121.50
Business Expenses		1,670.
Janitorial		1,090.
Yard Maintenance		540.
Utilities		3,891.
Insurance		9,814.
Supplies		1,033.
Travel		165.
Inspections		400.
Roof Replacement		13,556.
Trim		700.

### PIA Hall Rental

Having a party? Call Terri Lima event coordinator, 401 835-2642. Previous events held at the PIA include bridal showers, baby showers, anniversaries, birthday parties, family reunions, weddings and more. The hall can hold 148 people and comes with tables and chairs. The hall can be rented select Saturdays and all Sundays are available June thru October. Remember you must be a member of the PIA to rent the hall. You can get a rental form by contacting Terri, online [www.prudenceimprovement.org](http://www.prudenceimprovement.org) or stop by the hall when doors are open. Very reasonable rates. Many dates still open for summer and fall 2018.

# Bingo

Are you ready for an exciting Friday night on Prudence Island? The answer is Bingo! Doors open @ 7:30 PM with Dinner ready to be served. Calling starts at 8:15 sharp. This year we will continue "The Queen of Hearts Game" which was popular last year and is a chance to win a little extra money. We hope to grow attendance again this year and get our prize payout over the \$10,000 mark! Come out and see if you can win. Half of all proceeds goes to hall improvements and the rest is for the winners. This year bingo starts Friday June 1<sup>st</sup>.



# PYO



The PYO is a great way for kids and teens on the island to give back to the Island community, socialize with old friends, make new friends and work together to raise funds for trips and new activities. The PYO sponsors Tuesday night Game Night, Wednesday night Movie night, holds an annual craft fair and sells food in the snack shack to raise money. We are always looking for new PYO members and invite all kids to join by stopping by one of our meetings held at the PIA on Tuesdays at 6:30 PM starting July 10<sup>th</sup>. Because our PYO members technically age out when they turn 18, we are always in need of new members. 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!

This year we are hoping to start PYO wiffle ball and need new members to help us organize our league and plan games.

**Tuesday Night is Game Night from 6:30 PM to 9:00 PM starting June 26<sup>th</sup>.** Game night is a great way to stay active, hang out with friends and meet new people for kids and adults alike. Starting July 10<sup>th</sup>, we will play kids bingo at 7:00 PM for prizes! Kids Bingo is free, but you must be under 18 yrs old to play. Prizes include toys, snack shack coupons and a mystery prize. The PYO is looking for donated prizes for this season. They can be dropped off on Friday nights during Bingo. The make your own Sundaes are a big hit with islanders of all ages. Join us for a \$2.00 or \$5.00 ice cream available from 6:30PM to 8PM. Children under the age of 10 must be accompanied by an adult.

**Wednesday night is Movie night starting June 27<sup>th</sup>.** Movies start at 7 PM sharp with a G or PG movie. At 8:30 we offer a PG-13 movie. Children under the age of 10 must be accompanied by an adult. The snack shack is open from 7 to 9 PM.



On the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday in July every year we host a Craft fair. This year it's July 21, 2018, 9am to 12 noon. To rent a table sign up at any PYO or PIA event.

PYO Game Night starts Tuesday June 26<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30pm to 9:00pm

Movie Night starts Wednesday June 27<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00pm

# Prudence Improvement Association Sponsored Events 2018

## **BINGO**

PIA Hall  
Fridays (June 1 - September 14)  
Doors open at 7:30 & calling starts at 8:15 sharp  
You must be 18 years or older to play.

## **PIA Annual Meeting**

PIA Hall  
June 16, 2018  
9:00 AM Meeting

## **PIA Craft Night**

PIA Hall  
Mondays (July 10 – August 27)  
6:30 – 9:00 PM

## **PYO Game Night & make your own Sundaes**

PIA Hall  
Tuesdays (June 26 - August 28)  
6:30 - 9:30 PM

## **PIA Lawn Pop-up Market**

PIA Lawn  
Select Saturdays  
9:30 AM – 11:30

## **PYO Movie Night**

PIA Hall  
Wednesdays, (June 27 - August 29)  
7:00 PM G or PG & 8:30 PM PG13

## **PIA Chowder & Stuffie Cook-Off**

PIA Hall  
Saturday July 14th  
Chowder & Stuffie Cook-off: 5 PM until all gone. Raffle calling to follow.

## **PYO Craft Fair**

PIA Hall  
July 21, 2018  
9 AM - Noon

## **PIA Members Only Cruise**

Prudence Pier  
August 4, 2018  
7:00 PM  
Tickets in advance

## **BINGO Blast**

PIA Hall  
September 29, 2018  
Noon – 2:30

## **PYO Halloween Pot Luck Party**

PIA Hall  
Sat, Oct 27, 2018  
6pm

## **PIA Game Dinner**

PIA Hall  
Sat, Nov 3, 2018  
12 noon \$20.00



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## Prudence Improvement

### Associations

#### 14th Annual

#### Cowder & Stuffie Cook-Off

PIA Hall – Saturday, July 14th @ 5pm  
Come fill your “bellies” and cast your  
vote for the best cowder & stuffie.  
Participate in the goods raffle and  
liquor baskets. The Cowder cook-off  
is an important summer fund-raiser  
for the PIA, raising money to allow the  
PIA to continue to provide the  
community with a place to  
congregate, socialize, entertain and  
meet people.



## PIA Annual Meeting

Saturday June 16, 2018 @ 9AM



### PIA Members Only Cruise

August 4, 2018

Departing Prudence Pier @ 7pm  
cruising out the bay towards  
Newport and back. Lite Dinner and  
Music by Pro Sound DJ  
Entertainment. BYOB, bring a deck  
chair and dress warm.



Starts Friday June 1<sup>st</sup>

Calling @ 8:15 PM sharp

Kitchen opens @ 7:30 pm

Queen of Hearts ticket

sales start at 7:30 PM,

Drawing at 8:30 PM.

