

E.N.A.C.T. News!

Our mission is to defend the environmental quality of the Bay Street Neighborhood by informing, networking, analyzing and advocating.

May 2003 Issue

A Letter From the President of E.N.A.C.T.

Dear Friends:

I thought I would take this opportunity to introduce myself and give you a basic understanding of what the Environmental Neighborhood Awareness Committee of Tiverton (E.N.A.C.T.) is all about. My name is Gail Corvello and my family and I have been residents of Tiverton for the past 24 years. Fourteen of those years have been at the corner of Bay and Judson Streets. I have always been "environmentally minded" in my personal life and in my chosen career—for the present, and the future of all of the creatures of the earth. Now, having said that, never did I think I would be faced with potentially harmful contamination in the streets in my neighborhood, and possibly on my own property. After realizing that many of my neighbors share my thoughts and concerns (health risks, property values, etc.) on this issue, and knowing that a group of people with different views and approaches to problems could benefit the entire neighborhood, the E.N.A.C.T. group was formed. The main focus of E.N.A.C.T. is to keep information flowing to the property owners in the Bay Street area neighborhood of Tiverton. We hold weekly meetings, which are open to the public, and have helped organize public meetings with state and local officials, and environmental experts to answer any and all questions from property owners or residents. We are committed to collecting historical and recent information about this neighborhood in an attempt to inform property owners and residents of any pertinent information that may help individuals make decisions regarding their property. Please feel free to call, e-mail, or fax me anytime with any questions, concerns, or information you may have.

Sincerely,

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Tax Abatements

Property owners affected by the contaminated soils under the public roads and possible contamination of private property may be eligible for property tax relief. As soon as tax bills are received, property owners can request tax abatements from the Town's Tax Assessor's Office. The assessor's office can be reached at: (401) 625-6709.



Aerial Photo of Bay Street Neighborhood

RECENT UPDATES

RIDEM Approves SIWP

The Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management, (RIDEM) approved the Bay Street Suspected Fill Area Site Investigation Work Plan submitted on April 10, 2003 prepared by Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, Inc. (VHB) and also prepared for New England Gas Co. (NEGC) and requested that notification of the 68 property owners included in this work plan have their soil and water testing started as soon as possible. Property owners began receiving letters from the gas company on May 17th. The letter included a site access agreement, which must be completed and returned to the gas company before testing can begin on each property.

Town Asked To Do More Testing

RIDEM mailed a letter to Mr. James Towers, Tiverton Town Administrator, dated May 7, 2003, requesting that the Town do further testing in the public roads on State Avenue, Bottom Street, and A Connell St. There was concern that contaminated soils were observed approximately 15 to 20 years ago when the Town installed new drinking water lines.

Meetings

IMPORTANT: Don't miss the Public Meeting scheduled for **Friday, June 6th** at the North Tiverton Fire Station. This meeting begins at **7:30 PM** and hopes to offer insight into the legal aspects of issues that have arisen.

E.N.A.C.T. meets every Tuesday at 7:30 PM at the Community Center on Judson Street. Keep informed and share your concerns by attending our meetings.

Documents, Maps, and Correspondence

We have accumulated a small library of documents, maps, and correspondence. We are in the process of cataloging all information we have. If you want more information, we may have it.

Internet Information

For more information, log on to our website:

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/enac-tiverton/>

Our Executive Board & Committee Members

President – Gail Corvello
Vice President – Joyce Mello
Secretary – Sheila Reis
Treasurer – Gary Rose

Committee Members:

John Cambra, John Christo, John Corvello, Steve Scanlon,
Michelle Silva, Kim Trecida, and Tim Watters.

A Message from E.N.A.C.T.'s Treasurer

Thank you all for your interest in our organization.

E.N.A.C.T. is dedicated to keeping our neighborhood informed with the most current information and research possible concerning the contaminated soil issue in our area. We are all very concerned with the situation we have all been bonded with, but together we will get the answers we need to the questions surrounding our properties to help us make intelligent decisions. E.N.A.C.T. is a nonprofit organization. We have not received any special funding from anyone or any organization at this time. Although we will be applying for grant money, that could take months to come to fruition. We truly depend on donations to keep our costs down. E.N.A.C.T. members have paid all expenses, incurred to date, from their own personal funds. Examples of expenditures include copy paper, toner, incorporation fees, next day air charges, etc.

Your donation would be greatly appreciated. Please see the detached form below for sending a donation along to our organization.

Thank you,

Gary Rose, Treasurer, E.N.A.C.T.
34 Chace Ave
Tiverton, RI 02878

If you would be interested in making a donation to help support our organization, please detach this section and send along with your payment made payable to:

E.N.A.C.T.

c/o: Gail Corvello, 190 Bay Street, Tiverton, RI 02878

Name: _____

Address: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Thank you very much for your generosity.