

To the Point

April—June 2018



EARTH DAY Sat. APRIL 21, 2018 SEA STARS, SEA CHANGE

by Lynn Adams

Gather the family, collect the troops, mark the calendars. Earth Day is coming and everyone is needed to make our coast just a little bit better for Mother Earth! From Mussel Rock to Pedro Point, from our beaches to Skyline Drive, there is litter, invasive weeds, and some gardens that need tending. Why not join a team, tackle a project, take action, and be the Earth Hero our community needs?

On April 21st the Pacifica Beach Coalition (PBC) will be hosting its 14th Annual Earth Day Celebration and invites you to join in the fun. The morning action, scheduled from 9 to 11 am, includes gardening, habitat restoration, and litter removal projects, many within walking distance from the Point!

Following the action, everyone is invited to attend the EcoFest, a celebration and educational event in honor of Earth Day held at Linda Mar State Beach (south lot) from 11 am to 2:30 pm. Hear music by Frankie & the Pool Boys surf band and the Flying Salvias. Rob Cala of the Fitzgerald Marine Reserve will speak about sea stars. Edward Humes, Pulitzer Prize-winning author of Garbology will be there. Join us for lots of kids' activities, environmental booths and refreshments. There is something at EcoFest for everyone!

This year Earth Day and EcoFest will honor sea stars. Please join in the action, have fun at the EcoFest and be an Earth Hero every day!

Pedro Point Area Earth Day Action Projects:

- San Pedro Creek - meet at Linda Mar State Beach North of Taco Bell
- San Pedro Creek flood plain - meet at the rehabilitation home
- Linda Mar State Beach Cleanup (meet at the seawall just north of Taco Bell)
- Linda Mar Park and Ride
- Pacifica Community Center - meet in the west parking lot by the Portola statue
- Be a site captain for the project of your choice - visit the Pacifica Beach Coalition website: www.pacificabeachcoalition.org for more information.

Agenda for the April 19 PPCA Meeting

- I. Call to Order and Roll Call
- II. Approval of Jan. 18, 2018 Minutes
- III. Treasurer's Report: Balance Sheet, Income & Expenses through March 31, 2018
- IV. Committee Updates
 1. Firehouse Committee
 2. Events Committee
- V. New Business
- VI. Adjournment

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Message from the President

After several years hiding in the role of Vice President, I now find myself to be PPCA President. It's a hard act to follow Danny Estrella, who has put his heart and soul into keeping the PPCA and the Firehouse viable institutions.

I am writing this the day after our first "Pub Night," which could not have happened without Danny's tireless organizing and musical talents. For those of you who missed this great event, it was wonderful to see the Firehouse filled with folks from all over Pacifica as the stage was filled with all sorts of local talent. Friday night we showed the city how a community can come together and showcase the talents that don't often get a chance to show themselves. We will do it again in the next couple of months. I also want to thank Helen Bronte-Stewart, a new board member, who was instrumental in making sure we had food and drink for everyone.

This is also the first newsletter since we held this year's progressive dinner in February. The event has gotten so big that we had to have two dessert homes. Although I went to bed, I understand the party went on way past midnight. Thank you to everyone who hosted this year, and especially thank you for your flexibility as we made all sorts of last-minute changes. We already have some new hosts for next year. Think about coming if you haven't done so before.

I don't know what will happen in the coming year. As I read over some old newsletters in preparation of this message, there was a realization that some things never change. But we will have sewer work performed, which will both inconvenience and improve our lives. And new houses will get built on some of the undeveloped lots. But there are all sorts of other things that can happen if we want to make them happen. Please let me know if you have any burning issues or ideas.

As the larger world gets scarier, and we maybe feel more adrift, it's nice to know that we live in a caring community. We can all take solace in being part of Pedro Point, and hopefully, grow stronger with our involvement. And a nudge: if we don't have your email address, please go to www.pedropoint.org and sign up for the newsletter and e-mail announcements. It really is the way to stay involved.

Sincerely, Marcia Settel, President



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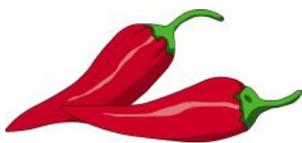
1st Pedro Point Pub Night a Big Success!



The first Pedro Point Pub Night on Friday, March 23, was a roaring success with lots of people from all over Pacifica enjoying the open mic music and beverages from the bar. It was standing room only! We made about \$1,000 for the Firehouse Maintenance Fund. More pub nights are planned so tell your friends, neighbors and musicians who might be interested in performing in the open mic. Watch for our announcements.



Another Fun Event! Save the Date for the 9th Annual Chili & Chowder Cook-Off August 12, 2018



Back by popular demand, the Pedro Point Community Association will host the 9th Annual Pacifica Chili & Chowder Cook-Off on Sunday afternoon, August 12, at the firehouse. Last year's event was a sell-out with over 275 attendees and 14 professional and home chef contestants. So mark your calendars now and look for announcements in May when ticket sales and contestant registration will officially open. Contestants interested in securing their spot early can contact Joanne Gold for info. E-mail joannegold@yahoo.com

“Leave a Book, Take a Book” - Little Library is Here!



The Pedro Point Little Lending Library is Now at the Firehouse Playground

The Little Free Lending Library was installed at the Firehouse playground, thanks to Sandy and Larry Anderson. Sandy picked out a lovely design that will provide a place for readers to leave books and pick up books at no charge. Sandy has even stocked the library with several children’s books. Andy Anderson has installed it near the Firehouse playground where children and their parents and adult companions can conveniently pick up and leave books. In photo on right are the first customers at the library: Ryder, Jane and Sequoia.



Firehouse Update by Danny Estrella

The Firehouse audio system has been upgraded with the installation of two 15” speaker cabinets and a 100-watt amplifier with speaker cables. The speakers are permanently installed above the stage with their supply cables attached. We tested this system and it fills the room with clear, sharp, clean sound with more than enough volume to fill the room. I want to thank Dan Shugar for his generous donation of this system and the coordination of their installation. You’ll be seeing Dan and I making good use of this system at our performances at the Pub Nights and special events. Of course, they’ll also be very useful for speaking engagements.



The City of Pacifica will be upgrading the main sewage lines on Pedro Point this year. If you missed the presentations on this project at the Firehouse recently, or if you aren’t aware of this, then watch for information coming in the mail soon, or search the City of Pacifica website for detailed information. This project will affect driving on the point during the work period and your home may require a sewer lateral replacement. I recently met with Brian Martinez, the Collection System Manager for the City of Pacifica, to inspect the lateral pipe for the Firehouse. The lateral pipe is in good shape but only up to a couple of feet to where it connects with the city sewer line. There is a small gap between two pipes that needs to be repaired. Fortunately, the gap is within the area that the city will be replacing when they install the new sewer pipes. So the work to fix that connection will be part of the city’s work and will not require any expense on the part of the PPCA to fix the laterals. On a personal side note, an inspection of my home was not so fortunate and we’ll have to have the last 13 feet of our home’s lateral pipe replaced at our own expense. We’ll have it done when the city is upgrading the main sewer pipes thereby saving us a load of money.

Next BBQ and Potluck at the Firehouse is Friday, May 25

Join your neighbors and be thankful that we live in a wonderful neighborhood...and this is a great opportunity to show off your recipes! But wait, there’s more! The BBQ grills will be out on the deck to kick off the Memorial Day weekend!

Watch your inbox for a detailed announcement. Potluck starts at 6:30pm. Our potlucks are fun and free!

Everyone brings a dish to share:

- Last names A-H, bring a side or appetizer
- I-R, dessert
- S-Z, main dish



Good food, good conversation, live music, meet your neighbors, catch up on events, get involved in your community. Would you like to help set up or clean up? If so, please contact Marcia Settel at 650-355-8731 or email at: gilset1158@gmail.com

Summary of PPCA Meeting Minutes—Jan. 18, 2018

Danny Estrella called the meeting to order at 7:40pm. Board members present were Joanne Gold, Marcia Settel, Sam Casillas, Breck Hitz, and Danny. Minutes from Oct. 17, 2017 meeting were approved.

Seating of New Board Members and Directors

Danny explained that the bylaws allow up to 12 directors, but only 10 candidates had requested positions on the Board. It was moved, seconded, and unanimously approved that those 10 individuals constitute the new board: Allison West, Andy Anderson, Breck Hitz, Bruce Ferry, Camille Keating, Danny Estrella, Helen Bronte-Stewart, Joanne Gold, Marcia Settel, Sam Casillas. The following people agreed to hold the respective offices: President-Marcia Settel, Vice President-Joanne Gold, Treasurer-Breck Hitz, Secretary-Danny Estrella

Breck agreed to accept the positions as treasurer subject to the appointment of a finance committee that could help with unusual issues (e.g., insurance cancellation). Sam and Bruce agreed to be on that committee.

It was moved, seconded and unanimously approved that the individuals named above assume the designated offices.

Treasurer's Report

Bruce reported that rentals have been going well in recent months. Income has been averaging between \$3,000 and \$4,000 per month. Financial break-even is about \$2,000 per month, so our bank account has been steadily increasing. Bruce distributed a balance sheet and Profit & Loss for 2017. At year end, we had about \$25,000 in the bank account and about \$5,000 in the PayPal account, but we also have about \$6,000 in pending deposit returns. In other words, our "net worth" is about \$24,000. Bruce feels it's wise to hold \$8,000 to \$10,000 in reserve to meet emergencies, which leaves us roughly \$14,000 available for immediate Firehouse maintenance. It was moved, seconded, and unanimously approved that we set \$10,000 aside in a separate account for major repairs/reconstructions of the Firehouse. It was moved, seconded and unanimously approved that the treasurer's report be approved.

Firehouse Committee

Danny announced that the front edge of the stage has been replaced and looks much better. The water flowing from the storm-drain pipe under Danmann had been diverted so it's less likely to cause flooding in the Firehouse basement. Some of the rafters need repair. And the plan is to refinish the main-room floor in February, when rentals are few. There was a consensus that eventually the building will need major repair. Therefore, it was moved and seconded that the treasurer move \$10,000 from the regular checking account into a special account for capital improvements. The motion was unanimously approved.

Events Committee

The progressive dinner (Movable Feast) will be February 10. Tentatively, the appetizers will be at the Bronte-Stewart and Hitz houses, and dessert will be at the Shugar's. The Easter Egg Hunt will be April 1, and the Chili Cook-Off on August 12. Helen broached the idea of having a "Pub Night" at the Firehouse. The event would feature local musicians, perhaps an "open mic," and beer, wine and snacks. The event could be open to all Pacificans. Admission would be free, wine and beer could be sold (or offered for a "donation"). Families would be encouraged. There was enthusiasm for the concept, and Danny said he would contact some local musicians and get their feedback. Possible dates for the first Pub Night are Friday, March 23 and Saturday, March 24.

New Business The Red Cross would like to use the Firehouse as a shelter in the event of an emergency. It would provide temporary housing for people whose residences were uninhabitable. Before establishing any shelter in the Firehouse, Red Cross would seek approval from PPCA. It was moved, seconded, and unanimously approved that Breck move ahead with getting the Firehouse registered as a Red Cross shelter. The possibility of encouraging people to include PPCA and the Firehouse in estate planning was discussed. Joanne agreed to write something up for the next newsletter. Meeting adjourned at 9pm.

Respectfully submitted, Breck Hitz, Secretary

Please note, the official minutes are at <http://www.pedropoint.org/ppca-newslettersbylaws>

Preserve the Firehouse Through a Planned Gift by Joanne Gold

Built by neighborhood volunteers between 1947 - 1953, the historic Pedro Point Firehouse has served as the heart of our community for generations. Over the years, the firehouse has been home to countless events and activities which have helped to foster a truly unique sense of community spirit.

You can make a lasting impact and ensure the legacy of the firehouse will be enjoyed by future generations by making planned gift to the Pedro Point Community Association Firehouse Maintenance Fund today. Some planned gifts, such as a bequest through your will, require no current outlay of funds at all. Other planned gifts, including the charitable gift annuity, make it possible to support the Firehouse, enjoy a tax deduction, and receive a lifetime income at the same time. Please consider contacting your financial planner or legal counsel to include the PPCA Firehouse in your estate plans and help preserve the Firehouse as our local treasure.

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Upcoming Events

- ◆ **PPCA General Meeting at the Firehouse, Thursday, April 19, at 7:30pm**
- ◆ **Earth Day festivities are Saturday, April 21, see front cover**
- ◆ **BBQ and Potluck at the Firehouse, Friday, May 25, see page 4**
- ◆ **Save the Date for the Chili and Chowder Cook-Off—Sunday, August 12**

