

# To The Point



PEDRO POINT COMMUNITY  
ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

## NEXT PPCA MEETING:

JAN. 24, 7:30pm  
at the Firehouse

### AGENDA

- I. Call to Order and Roll Call
- II. Approval of Last Meeting's Minutes
- III. Firehouse Committee Report
- IV. Treasurer's Report
  - a. Balance Sheet, Income and Expenses through 12/31/12
- V. Pedro Point Parents Group Committee Report
  - a. Status of Playground Project
- VI. Events and Fundraising Committee Report
  - a. Upcoming events
- VII. Enhanced Neighborhood Integration - Discuss how to Include more families in PPCA activities
- VIII. New Business
- VIII. Adjournment

## Report on Special Meeting re Field

*The PPCA held a special meeting on November 4, 2012 in order to discuss zoning of the undeveloped property on San Pedro Avenue, known as the Calson property. The Pacifica City Council had asked the PPCA to weigh in on the issue of the zoning of the property and as a result of the meeting, a letter was sent to the City Council expressing our position. The letter is reprinted in its entirety below:*

November 23, 2012  
Pacifica City Council  
Pacifica, CA 94044

### Calson Field Recommendation

Over the past year, the Pedro Point neighborhood, through the Pedro Point Community Association (PPCA), has had several discussions with the owners of the Calson Field culminating in a special meeting held on November 4, 2012 where the board members of the PPCA voted to make this

recommendation to you, the Pacifica City Council:

***We recommend that the Calson Field be used as an open space with related commercial and recreational usage.***

***The PPCA also voted against any residential development of the Calson Field.***

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## PPCA Minutes - General Meeting Oct. 18, 2012

### Board of Directors Attending: (a quorum is a simple majority of the Board of Directors)

Bruce Ferry, President  
Danny Estrella, Vice-President  
Breck Hitz, Treasurer  
Linda Holler  
Sam Casillas  
Joanne Gold

### Previous meeting minutes approved

The minutes had been approved prior to this meeting via email vote.

### Committee Reports:

*Treasurer's Report* – Breck Hitz: There is about \$10,000.00 in the general

fund and \$17,000.00 in the playground fund. End of year expenses for taxes and insurance will be paid from the general fund.

### Events Committee

Danny read from Marcia's summary.

- The PPCA beer-selling booth at the Pacifica Fog Fest brought in about \$1000 plus about \$250 in tips.
- The PPCA garage sale held as part of the Pacificans Care Fall Sweep netted \$190 for the PPCA. Thanks to all who donated sale items and shopped at

the sale.

- PPCA Special Meeting for community input on the Calson Field is scheduled for Sunday November 4, 3:30 PM, at the Firehouse.
- The next bi-monthly potluck dinner will be held November 16<sup>th</sup>.
  - Does anyone want to work on a holiday party this year?
  - Movie night – Marcia may be able to get permission to show a movie about burlesque, cost free. Marcia's daughter stars in 'A Wink and a Smile'.

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**NEXT PPCA  
POTLUCK:  
Fri JAN. 18, 6:30**

**Attendance at our potlucks has fallen significantly over the last few months. Please start the new year off right with an evening of neighborhood good food and drink!**

If your last name begins with the letter below, please bring:

- A – H: dessert
- I – R: side or appetizers
- S – Z: main dish

Wine, beer, water and coffee will be available or BYOB.

We'll supply paper plates and flatware, or bring your own reusable place setting and save a tree!

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**Minutes, continued**

- Madrigalli Market will be held Friday and Saturday November 30 and December 1.

*Firehouse Committee – Danny Estrella*

- Christmas lights – A renter had installed Christmas lights for their event and donated the lights to the PPCA. John Peterson has offered to assist the PPCA with the installation of permanent wiring for the lights.
- Clean up of under deck area – Frank Lazzari arranged for a metal recycler to remove the decaying barbecue grills. He is coordinating with Camille to remove the remaining waste left over from the replacement of the garbage can cabinet.
- Clean party to be scheduled – Routine clean up issues will be identified and a date is yet to be set. Danny will organize this and send out an invitation to volunteers via Mailchimp.

*Parents Group/  
Playground Committee*  
Jennifer Hoover and Camille Keating reported:

- The Halloween Carnival at the Firehouse is scheduled for October 28. All children and their parents are invited.
- Playground Tile Painting Fundraiser – Has been a big success in raising funds for the

playground rebuilding fund. A makeup tile painting event is being planned for those who haven't had the opportunity to paint their tiles. Date of event is October 26.

- Playground design drawings are finalized and will be posted on the PPCA website for feedback.
- Tentative playground build date is scheduled for February 2013. Several volunteers have been identified.
- The playground committee is seeking donations of cash and building materials.

**New Business**

From Sam Casillas: Chris' Hauling has been seen dumping concrete waste, mattresses and other assorted waste on the former Rick Lee property located behind the Fresh and Easy store. Some of the waste has also been going into the creek area. This may be illegal and hazardous. Concerned citizens are encouraged to file a complaint with the City of Pacifica via the online complaint form at the City's webpage. The PPCA officers agreed to write a resolution asking the city to take action and to also send a copy to the coastal commission to make them aware of the dumping so near to the coastal waters.

From Camille: Parking in front of the Firehouse during events is difficult due to neighbors parking their cars there. She

recommends that we request a reserved-space designation from the City. Danny will inquire with the City to obtain a parking/loading zone designation in front of the Firehouse.

From Sheryl Calson: Sheryl and Ron Calson have taken note of the recent dog attacks that occurred on lower Kent road recently and are concerned about their liability for dog attacks when neighbors walk across their property (the lot along San Pedro Road between the Firehouse and the Pedro Point Shopping Center). Sheryl requests that neighbors not walk across their property. A response suggested that due to prescriptive rights the Calsons may not have a legal right to prevent folks from walking on their property due to the history of public access to the property. This has not been substantiated.

Bruce Ferry adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,  
Danny Estrella

## Firehouse Film Series -

Next Showing April 19



A film follow-up edition of "Steve's Flashback Jam - Second Helping" will be shown Friday night April 19th. More music, events and stories from Steve Brown's film/video archives. Film performances include Jerry Garcia, Jorma Kaukonen, Jack Cassidy, John Cippolina and Country Joe McDonald. Plus stories from Bill Graham, Bob Weir, Marty Balin and Jerry Garcia. poet Allen Cohen, Bonnie Raitt and The Band, Chris Isaac, Santana and The Sundogs. More. Been

to Burning Man? There'll be footage from Burning Man as well.

Come enjoy some "cultural" fun on Friday night April 19th at the Firehouse. Doors open at 7:00, film starts at 7:30. Cost: \$10 at the door. Beverages will be available, and you can purchase DVDs of the film.

## Firehouse Maintenance Update

Ceiling lighting has been much improved with the addition of strings of Christmas lights in the ceiling trusses. The lights were installed for a recent event and then donated to the PPCA by Janine Galligani. Thank you, Janine. John Peterson installed the wiring so a wall

switch activates the lights conveniently.

John and I continue to address improvements to the lighting in the Firehouse. We may be able to get a discount on some brighter, lower wattage bulbs to replace the bulbs in the current ceiling fixtures. Also, John is negotiating a donation from one of his clients of new track lighting for the stage area. Updates will be in the next newsletter. Or better yet, come to the next potluck dinner to see the progress.

The sign that was blown off during a storm last spring is undergoing repair. We hope to have it reinstalled soon.

- Danny Estrella

## PPCA Calendar

**PPCA Potluck** - Jan. 18

**Genl. Meeting** - Jan. 24

**Headlands Work Party** - Jan. 20

**Headlands Bird Walk** - Jan. 27

**Playground Build Organization Meeting** - Feb. 5

**Playground Build** - Feb. 27 to March 3

**Film Night** - April 19

## Please! Watch Your Speed

Recently, a child was almost hit by a speeding car on Sterling Avenue. Due to this incident, several residents on the Point have expressed their concern about the number of speeding cars and their danger to children as well as to anyone walking our narrow streets.

Our roads are dangerous to drive on at best with the potholes, dips, poorly surfaced areas, tight turns, visual obstructions such as trees and shrubs, poor lighting and densely parked vehicles. Most of the neighborhood streets do not have sidewalks so

people are often walking in the road. We have many children on the Point now and they may not be aware of oncoming cars while playing in the streets. As responsible drivers we need to be extra careful.

One household has requested from the city that additional signage be posted on our streets to remind drivers that there are children at play. This will only be part of the solution. We also need the community's help in solving this problem. Please be mindful of driving slowly. If you have teenage or young adult children, please share and encourage them to

slow down as many of the drivers seen speeding have been younger. Additionally, residents have also expressed that they will begin calling the police to help enforce safe speed limits.

I ran a test and found that 10 to 15 MPH on San Pedro avenue is plenty fast enough to get along and still be safe. On all other streets 10-12 MPH is adequate. It's not necessary to race up the hills. Our cars have plenty of power to drive up the roads slowly.

If you see someone driving too fast flag them down and kindly point out the unsafe conditions and request them to drive carefully, slowly and deliberately.

Danny Estrella with Maggie Lang and Jessica Anthony.

*"Slow Down! Children Playing"*



## Results of Calson Field Meeting, continued

*"The Pacifica City Council had asked the PPCA to weigh in on the issue of the zoning of the property."*

### **About the Pedro Point Community Association...**

As a non-profit organization, the mission of the PPCA is to foster a sense of community for the Pedro Point neighborhood through events and fundraisers. The Firehouse is owned by the Pedro Point Community Association (PPCA) and is governed by the PPCA board of directors.

PPCA general meetings are held at the Firehouse on the third Thursday of the month (7:30pm) in January, April, July and October.

*"The PPCA requested community input regarding the use of the Calson Field"*

The PPCA requested community input regarding the use of the Calson Field on four separate occasions:

- April 19, 2012 at its public quarterly board meeting
- July 19, 2012 at its public quarterly board meeting
- October 18, 2012 at its public quarterly board meeting
- November 4, 2012 at the special meeting

These meetings are well publicized in the PPCA's quarterly newsletter that is mailed to all residents and property owners of Pedro Point, including the businesses in the Pedro Point Shopping Center.

There were several ideas presented by the owners and members of the community at these various meetings:

#### **— Part low density residential housing with part open space park**

**— Commercial Recreational** with an emphasis on recreational businesses serving the soon to become coastal trail and Golden Gate National Recreation Area (GGNRA) of the Pedro Point Headlands

#### **— Commercial Recreational area with the following types of businesses:**

- o Bike/Skate rental
- o Educational/Agri-Tourism Farm Stand
- o Surf Museum
- o Native Plant Nursery
- o Beer/Wine Garden
- o Zen Garden/Meditation Center
- o Party-Play place/Pony Rides
- o Outdoor Event Space

#### **— Open Space/protected wetland**

At the special meeting on November 4, George White, head of the City planning department, explained the current zoning of the field, gave a brief overview of the General Plan Update (GPU) process and specific project approval process for any project development, and then answered numerous questions about the process, zoning, and potential uses for the field. We are very thankful to George for attending the meeting and giving all who attended a greater insight into the GPU process.

As president of the PPCA, I feel that we have made great efforts to reach out to the Pedro Point Community

to seek their input and ideas, and have fostered an open and honest discussion with the Calson family, including electing Ron Calson to our current Board. The special meeting on November 4 was attended by many neighbors, some long-time residents, some brand new to our community. The resulting recommendation was voiced by many attending that meeting as well as other meetings and I feel that we have the best interest of our neighborhood at heart.

On behalf of the Board of the Pedro Point Community Association,

Bruce F. Ferry, CPA  
President



During the last few years, we have seen a wonderful increase in the number of young families and kids living on the point. For those of us who have already seen our children grow up and leave the neighborhood, it gives great pleasure and hope for the future of the neighborhood.

But at the same time younger families are moving in, the older residents of the point are, well, getting older. Like their new neighbors, they want to stay living in this beautiful community. But growing old brings both physical and social isolation, intensified by the reality of living somewhere filled with hills, non-existent

sidewalks and no public transit. Many of our neighbors are in their 80's and 90's, and living alone in the homes in which they raised their families. Some are incredible role models for their amazing physical abilities; others never leave their homes.

We are a wonderful, caring neighborhood and I think we should address this issue as a community. We should know where our senior neighbors are living so we can make sure people can be accounted for in an emergency. Maybe we can arrange for bi-weekly grocery shopping runs so that folks can go to the store with their neighbors, or have the shopping done for them.

We could schedule speakers at the Firehouse to address senior accessibility issues. Many point folks are already informally caring for their older neighbors. It would be great for them to know that they have a community behind them. I would love to work on this project during the coming year if others are interested in joining in with me. If I hear from four or five people, I'll schedule a meeting in February for us to throw around ideas.

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# Getting Old on Pedro Point

## Pedro Point Playground Update

***The date has been set for the Pedro Point Playground community build: Wednesday, Feb. 27th through Sunday, March 3rd.***

Mark your calendar for that week as we will need community support. Heavy and light construction, unpacking, sanding and prepping lumber, Staining & painting, spreading ground cover, helping with planting, food preparation, etc.

Please email your name / email / phone number / availability if you can help to [simplygraphic@comcast.net](mailto:simplygraphic@comcast.net). Also looking for people who can loan tools for the week. In early February, we will be

reaching out to all volunteers and organizing teams for each day and having a community build organization meeting on Feb 5th.



We still have sponsorships remaining for several playground items, or maybe you want to make a tax deductible, end-of-the-year donation to the playground via Pacificans Care? See website for complete information and to follow all the updates.

[www.pedropointplayground.org](http://www.pedropointplayground.org)

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***PEDRO POINT PLAYGROUND  
BUILD WEEK***

***WED., FEB 27TH - SUN., MARCH 3RD  
SEEKING VOLUNTEERS***

***BUILD WEEK ORGANIZATION MEETING  
TUES., FEB. 5TH 7:15PM AT THE  
FIREHOUSE***

***[WWW.PEDROPOINTPLAYGROUND.ORG](http://WWW.PEDROPOINTPLAYGROUND.ORG)***

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**Pacifica Land Trust News: To the Point  
Bird Walk on Headlands Jan. 27**

With its diverse habitats of coastal scrub, coastal prairie, Monterey Pine woods and Eucalyptus forest, all accessible via a good trail system, the Pedro Point Headlands is a great place to become more familiar with Pacifica's winter avifauna. About 30 species of birds can readily be found here on a typical winter day.

We'll meet at the Firehouse on Jan. 27 at 8:30 AM and carpool up to the headlands from there. We'll walk about a two-mile loop that will take us through the representative habitats and along the top of the high bluff with its spectacular views out over the Pacific.

We'll aim to be back at the trailhead ABOUT 11:00 AM.

As we will be looking primarily at small birds in the vegetation, binoculars are strongly recommended..

**DATE:** January 27th

**TIME:** 8:30 to 11:00 AM

**MEET AT THE  
FIREHOUSE**

**LEADER:** Paul Donahue

**Headlands Work Party  
Jan. 20**

**Plan to join us for our  
upcoming habitat  
restoration work on the  
Pedro Point Headlands  
on Jan. 20th, Feb. 24th,  
March 24th, and Earth  
Day, April 20th.**

Our work tasks change monthly according to the need but usually include maintaining waterbars and trails, removing invasive plants, planting natives, collecting seeds, and monitoring Monterey Pine and Eucalyptus trees hindering the coastal scrub habitat.

Please meet at the Pedro Point Firehouse at 9.45 am. We will carpool up to the site and return to the Firehouse between 1 and 1:30.

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