

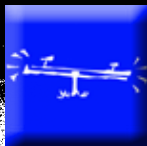
# PEDRO POINT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

JULY 2012

## TO THE POINT



**PPPG Playground  
Project Kick Off/  
Tile Decorating Day**



Summer is here!! It's been great running into so many families out enjoying this amazing weather and seeing our kids play together in the neighborhood. Thanks to those of you who came out on the recent work day at the firehouse. At the playground we did lots of trimming, rust repairs, touch up painting and laid new ground cover around the equipment. It will be much safer for the kids until we can rebuild. On that note, the playground committee is excited to announce that we have a custom playground builder selected who has been designing and managing community playground builds for 20+ years by the name of Play By Design. The co-owner of the company was the lead on the Frontierland Park build in the back of the valley as V.P of Leather & Associates before he broke with a partner to form a company that specializes in one-of-a-kind builds for unique communities like ours. We have a conceptual drawing and are ramping up to do a Kick Off Playground / Tile Decorating Fundraising Event next month.

**SAVE THE DATE: Saturday August 4th from 11-4 pm at the Firehouse.** At this kick-off event there will be information about the design and Clay Creations on hand to help us decorate ceramic tiles that we will be pre-selling at a discount this month, at the next PPCA meeting, or at the door. There will be music playing and a BBQ from 12-2. See insert for details on purchasing a tile that will be featured in the fencing of the new playground.

If you have ever considered giving a donation, this summer would be a great time so we can evaluate what additional fundraisers we want to plan. We are within reach of our goal of a build early 2013 with some community support. Visit [www.pedropoint-playground.org](http://www.pedropoint-playground.org) for all the information on how to donate or how to get involved. As mentioned before, Pacificans Care is our registered 501(c)3 fiscal sponsor which means all cash donations are tax deductible. Please contact me to join the PPPG Yahoo Group or with any questions [simplygraphic@comcast.net](mailto:simplygraphic@comcast.net).

Hope to see you all August 4th! - Jennifer Hoover

### 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Chili Cook-Off Coming Up!

The 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Chili Cook-Off is only a month away! On Sunday August 19th come down to the Firehouse to taste some award winning chili, hear some good music and rub elbows with your neighbors and fellow Pacificans. We hope to exceed last year's record of twelve contestants so there should be plenty of Chili. Each contestant makes at least 8 quarts, but some make much more, in hopes of wooing the crowd and judges.

Last year's winner Surf Spot will surely make an appearance along with runners up Marcel Settel and Gorilla BBQ, and entertainment from Earth Capades!

Proceeds go to maintain the



Pedro Point Firehouse, but it's not about the money - it's about good food and good company make a great time! If you are interested in joining the contest, please call Bruce or Cherie at 650-557-1491 or email [cherieandbruce@gmail.com](mailto:cherieandbruce@gmail.com) for an entry form. See you on August 19<sup>th</sup>!

- Bruce Ferry

(Photo Credits: John Janes. 2011 Winners with Miss Pacifica and Earth Capades)

### Night of Painting and Pinot

Would you like to support our community-built Playground, but can't make the August 4th event or aren't ready to jostle with a pre-schooler for painting supplies? Then bring your pre-ordered tiles (see Jennifer Hoover's article to the left), creative ideas and a decent bottle of wine (or \$10 to defray the cost of the good stuff) to our home for an evening of creativity, appetizers, and beverages! We will have the necessary supplies from Clay Creations on-hand along with plenty of food and drink.

Please RSVP to [CherieandBruce@gmail.com](mailto:CherieandBruce@gmail.com) for details by September 9th to ensure we have sufficient painting supplies and food. Due to the combination of alcohol, glassware, and paint, we request that this be an adult-only event, though if there is enough interest, we can also make separate arrangements for a pooled sitter downstairs or at a nearby home. We hope to see you in August or September in support our community's playground and its kids!

- Bruce & Cherie Ferry

Meeting Minutes, Thursday, April 19, 2012, 7:30 PM

1. Meeting called to order at 7:35.  
There was a quorum.
2. Minutes had been approved by e-mail prior to meeting.
3. Treasurer's report was approved. Treasurer reported that we are doing okay.
4. Committee reports:

**Firehouse Committee**

The floor has been refinished and looks wonderful. Future projects include repairing the sign if possible, and making the bathroom ADA compliant. Also, putting trellis under the deck to cover the area. A work party was scheduled for May 5th.

**Playground Committee**

The committee hopes to have the playground completed by April 2013. A decision has to be made about the type of structure - a cedar log one (\$10,000) or a custom built one (\$20-\$25,000). There is a website: [www.pedropointplayground.org](http://www.pedropointplayground.org) for those wanting more info or to be more involved. The website needs to be linked to our PPCA site.

**Events Committee**

The Chili cook off is scheduled for August 19th. We made \$1700 at the last cook off.

The next pot luck is July 20th.

We will need help to staff the PPCA booth at the Fog Festival.

5. The main item of discussion at the meeting was the status of the San Pedro Road field, called the Calson property as it is currently owned by Ron Calson. The intent of the meeting was to obtain ideas from the community about what we would like to see happen with the field and thus, what zoning we would support. In developing the new general plan for the city, the city did not make a decision regarding the zoning of the property, which is currently zoned a Commercial Recreation District.

The following comments and ideas were made:

- Owner would like it zoned low-density residential (5000 square foot lots). He would like part to be open-space but he does not intend to develop it himself.
- Currently zoned Commercial Recreation. Keep it commercial? JoAnne's ideas for positive visitor-serving commercial development.
- Zone agricultural (let's hear it for goats..)
- Mixed use residential with something else
- What kind of housing (Some fear small houses and some fear McMansions)?
- If commercial, is there a way to prevent a motel?
- Is there a way to guarantee open space if low density?
- Although Mr. Calson would sell to PPCA, he does not have an asking price
- Consultants came up with high density but planning commission did not support that nor seemingly does anyone else.
- Can we get a government agency to buy it?
- The question of what if any surveys were taken was raised. A survey was done in 2003 in which residents said they were opposed to multi-unit housing. 40% opposed single-family housing. No survey has been done since then, although there was a request for feedback from some points residents last year which some people have called a survey. John Janes agreed to take on the responsibility for preparing a new survey.

The meeting was adjourned

- Marcia Settel

**Editor's Clarification of Terms**

The General Plan Designation for Field is Commercial, and the Zoning is C-R: Commercial Recreation, according to the City of Pacifica Planning Department Maps on page 34: <http://www.cityofpacific.org/civica/filebank/blobdload.asp?BlobID=2469>.

**Zoning** The Commercial-Recreation designation was replaced by the C-2: Community Commercial District in 1982, (though the proposed general plan aims to re-introduce C-R). Permitted uses under land currently designated C-2 in the Coastal Zone are limited to "visitor-serving commercial uses" which:

- (a) Protect, maintain and, where feasible, enhance and restore the overall quality of the coastal zone and its natural and built resources;
- (b) Assure orderly, balanced use and conservation of resources within the coastal zone, taking into account the social and economic needs of the people of the state;
- (c) Maximize public access to and along the coast and maximize public recreational opportunities in the coastal zone consistent with sound resource conservation principles and constitutionally protected rights of private property owners;
- (d) Assure priority for coastal-dependent and coastal-related development over other types of development in the coastal zone;
- (e) Encourage state and local initiatives and cooperation in procedures used to implement coordinated planning and development for mutually beneficial uses, including educational uses, in the coastal zone.

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**THANK YOU ANDY!**

Have you seen the traffic caution signs posted along San Pedro Road encouraging drivers to slow down and watch for children? These were placed there by Andy Anderson at his own time and expense. This is a great gesture of community spirit and caring for those walking and riding along the street. Thanks Andy!

- Danny Estrella

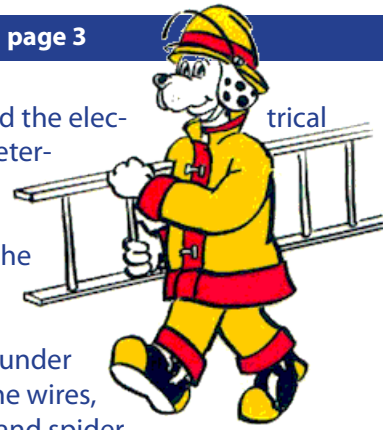
**Firehouse Maintenance Update**

Just in time for the Chili Cook Off in August we've upgraded the electrical outlets in the main hall! Under the direction of John Peterson, a licensed electrical contractor, four outlets each were added to the north and south walls. This will allow us to provide power for the crock-pots keeping the chili dishes hot without throwing circuit switches and running extension cords from neighboring outlets as we've done in the past. We've also added four outlets under the bar to provide for food warmers. Breck and I ran the wires, which required crawling into the dark, dusty, cobweb and spider nest infested spaces. John cut the holes for, and installed the junction boxes.

With the help of Joanne and Ed Gold, hooks were installed at the windows to properly attach the blackout curtains for our movie nights. Joanne also trimmed the bottle-

brush and Ed has volunteered to repair the painted sign that used to be hanging on the front of the building. The sign was blown off the wall during a fierce rainstorm this spring. Thanks to all the volunteers who help keep our Firehouse beautiful!

- Danny Estrella

**Pedro Point Nextdoor Social Media Website**

If you haven't logged on to our very own Pedro Point social media website then browse on over and check it out. A social website has been created that serves only the geographic area of Pedro Point. It's called 'Nextdoor Pedro Point' and can be found at [pedropoint.nextdoor.com](http://pedropoint.nextdoor.com). As of July 11, 89 members at 64 of 269 households have joined Pedro Point Nextdoor. There's been news announcements, goods sold and people meeting people. It's a great way to keep your finger on the pulse of the community!

- Danny Estrella

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The current General Plan Designation is broadly labeled Commercial, with the Coastal Zone designation and context as described above overlaid atop the General Plan designation. The current general plan's reference to the Field is as follows: p. 175: Pedro Point and Linda Mar Beach: Pedro Point contains no established neighborhood park. While the neighborhood does contain significant scenic resources, an improved park site is essential for this physically isolated community, bordered by the ocean, steep hillsides and the Coast Highway. Such an area may be feasible within the undeveloped San Francisco Catholic Archdiocese property located on San Pedro Avenue. The Pedro Point Improvement Association and community surveys have indicated that park amenities should include areas and equipment for active play, children's play areas and equipment, some open space for passive recreation, restrooms and street improvements.

Some More Clarification of Terms: "Low density residential" as referenced in Pacifica documentation means (R-1) which--typically--one dwelling per 5000 square foot lot, which is relatively consistent with most of the zoning in the Pedro Point hills, but generally not those in Shelter Cove, the Docks, Danmann and San Pedro.

- Cherie Chan

**Pedro Point Headlands Work Parties**

Please mark your calendars and plan to join us for some habitat restoration work on the Pedro Point Headlands on July 29th, August 26th and September 15th (Saturday - Coastal Cleanup day) if you can. We will be widening trails, collecting seeds, removing invasive plants in the new open space area, and caring for the native plants planted this year on the new slide. We meet at the Pedro Point Firehouse at 9.45 am and carpool up to the site. We plan a hike and refreshments and return to the firehouse between 1 and 1:30.

On June, 15 volunteers had fun widening trails, removing invasives, watering the new slide area, and checking on the newly acquired property. They also took a hike to the coast to check out all of the flowers and native plants.

If you would like to learn more and help some, we'd love you to join us. Old, young, and everyone in between are encouraged! We have fun and we make a difference, please join us.

The restoration work is directed by the Pacifica Land Trust, supported by the Pedro Point Community Association, and funded through a CA Coastal Conservancy Grant. For more information please go to [www.pedropointheadlands.org](http://www.pedropointheadlands.org) or contact Volunteer Coordinator, Lynn Adams at [lynn4promos@aol.com](mailto:lynn4promos@aol.com) or 650.355.1668.

-Lynn

**President's Message**

It's been a quite quarter for PPCA since the floors were refinished last quarter. However, there has been some activity: A recent work party "beautified" the firehouse by trimming bottlebrush, as well as cleaning up the playground and making great strides to adding electric outlets inside the firehouse. The weather has been fantastic, which has hopefully increased usage of our beloved Firehouse and Playground.

Fourth of July was another plethora of loud explosions, bright lights, and hoots and hollers. The weather was good for Bar-B-Queing and socializing with good friends and neighbors. The beach was a sight to behold with sparklers, firecrackers, and fireworks randomly lighting up the sky.

Reminder - we would love to hear your ideas regarding the use of the Calson Property. There will not be any critique of ideas or discussion as to "how" an idea could be implemented. We just want your raw thoughts.

I thank you in advance for your input and hope to see you soon! - Bruce Ferry

## Talent Show

We're having a talent show! It will be paired up with a potluck dinner, sort of home grown dinner theater. We have several talented people on the Point and we have the venue to show off the talents. For instance, there's a guy who sits on his front porch on Kent playing awesome guitar and his music carries over the neighborhood. I'll bet he'll play. Maybe you play a French horn in a rock band and would like to do a performance. Or maybe you do commercial voiceovers for ads and movies and could do a dramatic reading or voice impersonations. Or maybe you can play all the songs by Gordon Lightfoot on guitar. Or maybe you're a professional jazz flutist and would like to just play for fun with your neighbors. Or you're part of a belly dance troupe and have a special dance you've mastered. Whatever your talent, bring it out and share with the community on the Pedro Point Firehouse stage before an appreciative audience. Contact me and I'll coordinate a date with all the artists. - Danny Estrella

Native Plant Tour:  
Pedro Point Headlands with  
Jake Sigg and Mike Vasey  
Sunday, August 26th, 2012  
1 - 3, Firehouse



Come explore a unique biological reserve of plants at the Pedro Point Headlands and hear from two Bay Area men famous for their work with and knowledge of these native plants. Mike Vasey and Jake Sigg will team up to lead a hike to the northern most headland peak and the famed coastal prairie land just below and talk about the special plants you will find here. Here Nootka reedgrass (*Calamagrostis nutkaensis*) and California fescue (*Festuca californica*) flourish in association with huckleberry (*Vaccinium ovatum*) and a number of other berry-bearing shrubs. Please meet at the Pedro Point Firehouse at 1.00 pm.

Pacifica Land Trust's ongoing stewardship of this dramatic place where Montara Mountain meets the ocean has transformed some of the former motorcycle trails and several slide areas. You will enjoy seeing and hearing about their work. Co-sponsored by Pacifica Land Trust and California Native Plant Society.

### PPCA Board Meeting Agenda: Thursday, July 19, 2012

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| I. Call to Order and Roll Call         | A. Status of Playground Project             |
| II. Approval of Last Meeting's Minutes | B. August Kick-Off Celebration              |
| III. Firehouse Report                  | VI. Events                                  |
| A. Workday Update                      | A. Upcoming events                          |
| B. Next Projects                       | B. Chili Cook-Off                           |
| IV. Treasurer's Report                 | VII. Presentation of Ideas for use of Field |
| A. Balance Sheet,                      | A. Survey                                   |
| B. Income and Expense through 6/30/12  |   |
| V. Pedro Point Parents Group           |   |

### Potluck - Friday, July 20, 6:30pm

The next potluck at the Firehouse is Friday, July 20 so if you are in town, please come on over and bring something to share.

Good food, good conversation...come meet your neighbors...get involved in your community..no charge

Please bring something to eat. If your last name begins with

A - H: main dish

I - R: dessert

S - Z: sides or appetizers

Wine, beer, water and coffee will be available or BYOB. Paper plates and silver will be available or bring your own? The following potluck will be Friday, September 21st. - Marcia Settler



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### Summary of Events in our Neighborhood

Fri. July 20, 6:30 pm: PPCA Potluck  
Sun July 29 9:45 am: Headlands Work Party  
Sat Aug 4, 11 am: Playground Kick-Off  
Sun Aug 19 noon: Chili Cook-Off  
Sun Aug 26, 9:45 am: Headlands Work Party  
Sun Aug 26, 1 pm: Headlands Hike  
Sat Sep 15, 9:45 am: Coastal Cleanup Day  
Sat Sep 15, 6 pm: Pinot and Painting  
Fri. Sep. 21, 6:30 pm: PPCA Potluck

Welcome New Neighbors!  
220 Olympian - David L. Hundsness  
160 Blackburn - Jodi Davi  
1530 Grand - Michael T. Burden

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