

# to the Point

News from the Pedro Point Community Association

## January 2012

### Pedro Point PLAYGROUND project

### PARENTS GROUP UPDATE

Happy New Year! Looking forward to bringing our playground back to life in 2012. Check out the new website:

[www.pedropointplayground.org](http://www.pedropointplayground.org) which details the project and our goals. Pacificans Care is now solidified as our fiscal sponsor which means all donations are tax deductible as well as eligible for company matching. For some of us that means 1:1 matching, which is exciting. I know we are all busy but I hope to get some help from the community and the parents group this year as we begin to push our fundraising up a notch and create some momentum toward reaching our goals. Check the website for updates and news surrounding the project. Soon there will be information about our upcoming "adopt a tile" playground fundraiser. If interested in donating, please see the article below on Pacificans Care as donation checks now have to be made out to Pacificans Care directly with a designation for Pedro Point Playground Fund. Thanks and see you around the neighborhood.

- Jennifer Hoover



Pedro Point Community Association

### "A Moveable Feast"

Firehouse Fund Raiser!

Meet your neighbors!  
Join other Pedro Point residents for a memorable evening of lively conversation & delicious food.

A 3-course progressive dinner - participants go to appetizers and dinner at various homes on the Point, then everyone comes together for dessert.

*(We're looking for hosts! Let us know if you would be willing to host appetizers or dinner.)*

**RSVP by Feb. 26!**

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• PPCA Potluck: **FRIDAY, JAN. 20<sup>TH</sup>** at 6:30 pm

• Good food, good conversation  
• come meet your neighbors get involved in your community, no charge! Please bring something to share. If your last name begins with the letter below please bring the following item:



- **A - H main dish**
- **I - R dessert**
- **S - Z appetizer or side**

• Basic beverages will be available, or BYOB.

• The following potluck will be Friday, March 16<sup>th</sup>.

- Marcia

### PACIFICANS CARE SUPPORTS OUR PLAYGROUND

Pacificans Care, Pacifica's community foundation, has agreed to serve as the fiscal agent for PPCA's playground project. Since this new PPCA/Pacificans Care partnership has been created I thought you might like to know more about Pacificans Care and its work.

Pacificans Care was created in 1982 to work with and support programs that make a special effort to improve the "quality of life" in Pacifica. To that end, Pacificans Care's primary mission is to provide supplemental support to Pacifica Child Care and Senior Services, the Pacifica Resource Center, and the Pacifica Youth Services Bureau. Over the years Pacificans Care has provided more than \$540,000 to support specific needs such as senior transportation services, meals-on-wheels vehicles, child safety programs, counseling services in schools, field trips for youngsters, and emergency funds. All the donations collected go directly to Pacificans.



In addition to support of these core agencies, Pacificans

Care has played a major supporting role in community projects including Project Play's Frontierland Park children's playground, the Fire Cam project, Pacifica's Skate Park and the Community Realtors group. Pacificans Care will now assist us in the development of our playground on Pedro Point.

If you want to make a contribution to the playground project here's how you can do it: Send a check made out to Pacificans Care with the notation: PPCA Playground Fund, to PO Box 875, Pacifica, CA 94044.

Check back to life in 2012. Check out the new [www.pedropointplayground.org](http://www.pedropointplayground.org) website if you are interested in making a direct deposit or wiring funds for the playground project. Pacificans Care is a 501(c)3 organization with a tax ID # 77-0004308. For more information about Pacificans Care check our website at [www.pacificans-care.org](http://www.pacificans-care.org) or call Bruce Banco, President, at 355-4479.

- Ginny Jaquith

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Happy New Year. I hope this year brings you the best of love, health, happiness and prosperity. 2011 was a good year for our community. We had several fun events that brought us together and raised a little money to maintain our meeting hall, the historic Pedro Point Firehouse. We had a few film presentations, the Chili Cook Off, the potluck dinners and the Christmas carols sing. And as a result of these successes we are now in a position to have a major maintenance task done: refinishing the floor of the Firehouse. We have a contractor identified who comes with good references and has provided a very reasonable price. We expect to have the job done by the end of February. We're having the best finish applied to the floor to withstand all the dancing that's to come with our future events. The Pedro Point Parents group is growing with new families. They're stewarding the renovation of our children's playground and the provision of accommodating tax-deductible donations for this cause is a major achievement to the realization of this effort.

We'll be seating the new board of directors and electing the officers at the January general meeting. My tenure as president comes to a close and the reins will be handed over to another capable president. It's been a pleasure and challenge for me to serve as president and I want to thank all of you who've provided me with feedback, guidance and support. I'll still be very involved with the PPCA because it's just so much fun doing all these great things with all of you.

And, again, I want to pitch our mailing list. We use a commercial emailing service, 'Mail Chimp' to send out our newsletters and occasional announcements. The service does not reveal the recipients' email address so your privacy is protected. We do not share, lease or sell your email address. It is only used for PPCA purposes. There are several benefits to being included on our emailing list: 1) You receive the newsletter by email in color (and it really looks great in color), 2) you save the PPCA the cost of printing and mailing the newsletter (this is not trivial), 3) you are kept informed of community issues that arise between releases of the newsletter (see the following paragraph). I encourage you to provide us with your email address to be added to our 'Mail Chimp' distribution list. You can send your address to any of the Board members listed in the newsletter.

**IMPORTANT REQUEST, PLEASE READ THIS:** We would like to have as many Pedro Point members (residents and property owners) participate in the discussions regarding the proposed zoning change, as proposed by the City of Pacifica General Plan Update (GPU), to the field located along San Pedro Road between Danmann Ave and Grand Ave. If you would like to be informed on upcoming meetings regarding this issue please provide us with your email address (see the previous paragraph in this letter). A meeting to discuss this issue has been proposed. The meeting has not been scheduled yet but may take place before the next newsletter is released in April. If you're not on the PPCA mailing list then you might not be made aware of the meeting.

- Danny Estrella

PPCA MINUTES: NOVEMBER 17<sup>TH</sup>, 2011

Called to order

*Present:* Danny Estrella, Bruce Ferry, Marcia Settel, Sam Casillas, Breck Hitz, Michael Martin, Richard Clark, Robin Jacquith  
*Absent:* Linda Holler

- The minutes of the last meeting were approved.
- Treasurer's report was approved.

**Firehouse Committee** reported that Frank had fixed the roof leak. A work party is scheduled for November 19th. Contact info for good floor refinishers was solicited.

**Event Committee** reported that March 24th was chosen for the next progressive dinner. Other event ideas included more of our film series and a talent show.

**Playground Committee** reported that Pacificans Care agreed to act as a conduit for tax-deductible contributions to the playground fund. Folks are talking to other community playground groups for ideas. Tools and services have been donated. The group is developing its long-range plan. They were reminded to make sure insurance is in place and to address accessibility issues.

**Board:** Nominations to the PPCA Board were solicited. All current members agreed to be on the Board again. Additional nominees were Joanne Gold, Ron Calson and Tony Brockman.

**Other business:** There was a break-in at a home on the point. Robin agreed to explore re-activating a neighborhood watch program for both security and emergency situations. He will talk to the police department about the possibility of having someone attend our next meeting.

Cherie and Bruce created a cork board so that notices could be placed outside of the Firehouse for community events.

We would like to have a PPCA logo; all suggestions are welcomed.

**General Plan Update** Danny presented a brief overview of the current status of the general plan update in regards to the property behind the Firehouse (known as the "Calson property". It was moved and approved that a special meeting be held in the near future for the neighborhood to discuss the property and the proposed changes to the zoning. The meeting will be moderated; John Janes agreed to try to find a facilitator. Suggested dates were January 26th or 29th. Questions for the meeting include:

1. definition of the current and proposed zoning of the property.
2. results of prior PPIA/PPCA surveys.
3. should the PPCA canvas the community again for another resolution from the PPCA board?
4. traffic impact
5. "Define sponge." Definition of a wetlands or watershed
6. Citations for the references in the newsletter article.
7. Is the PPCA willing to buy the field?
8. What are the Calson's expectations for the property? Are they offering to sell field? At what price?

Members of the community were invited to submit additional questions prior to the meeting.

Meeting adjourned. - Submitted by Marcia Settel

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**Update: Pacifica General Plan Update and the Pedro Point Field**

At our last general meeting we had a discussion of the concerns of the Pedro Point community regarding the proposed zoning change, from commercial to residential, of the field along San Pedro Ave owned by Ron Calson. It was proposed that we hold a meeting that will focus on these concerns and alternatives to a zoning change. This issue was summarized in the previous PPCA newsletter (available online at pedropoint.org at 'About the PPCA'). We decided that the meeting will best be conducted under the guidance of a trained moderator. The scheduling of this proposed meeting is pending the identification of a moderator for this meeting. We'll post the meeting date on our website when it is known as well as will circulate an announcement through our PPCA email mailing list.

- Danny

**Pedro Point Headlands Restoration Reaches Two Year Mark**

As we conclude our second year of restoration work on the Pedro Point Headlands we celebrate amazing successes. Pampas Grass and French Broom once so plentiful throughout the property have been mostly eradicated. Continued monitoring is necessary to keep new shoots and seedlings from taking hold but our restoration team has done an amazing job of minimizing new growth of these two species.

Newly planted natives have taken root in two areas (the old slide and just below the staging area) which volunteers planted since 2010. While still small and growing into their new home, the diverse collection of natives appear to be on their way to becoming established plants capable of making it on their own. Continued monitoring and weeding these areas will keep the invasive pampas grass, french broom, eucalyptus, and velvet grass away and give these natives room, nutrients, and moisture to grow and expand. Soon, we hope the diverse collection of plants will cover the open soil and the slopes will look very similar to the areas surrounding it.

This winter two more areas are slated to be planted. The "new" slide area (from December, 2010) which is just below the staging area/just above Highway 1 and also some of the newly disturbed land near the Green Gate Access point where CalTrans has been working to reduce runoff and build a trail and bus stop area. The native plants for these areas come from seeds collected on the headlands and grown by volunteers.

If you would like to join in the habitat restoration work on the Pedro Point Headlands you can call our volunteer coordinator, Lynn Adams at 650.355.1668 for more information. Future work dates for 2012 are listed below. Except for the April and September events, all workdays start at 10.00am and go until approx 1.00pm. Volunteers are asked to wear long sleeve shirts and long pants to help avoid poison oak and ticks which are both native to this area. Please meet at the Pedro Point firehouse at 9.45. We will carpool from there to the Headland work site. For more information about the headlands and

future workdays please go to [www.pedropointheadlands.org](http://www.pedropointheadlands.org).

The 2012 Habitat Restoration Workday Calendar:

January 29 <sup>th</sup>	July 29 <sup>th</sup>
February 26 <sup>th</sup>	August 26 <sup>th</sup>
March 25 <sup>th</sup>	September 15 <sup>th</sup> *
April 21 <sup>st</sup> *	(with CA Coastal Cleanup Day)
(with Pacifica Earth Day)	October 28 <sup>th</sup>
May 27 <sup>th</sup>	November 25 <sup>th</sup>
June 24 <sup>th</sup>	

\*These events will be on **Saturdays** from 9 – 11.30 and coincide with Pacifica's City-Wide Day of Action Events. - Lynn Adams

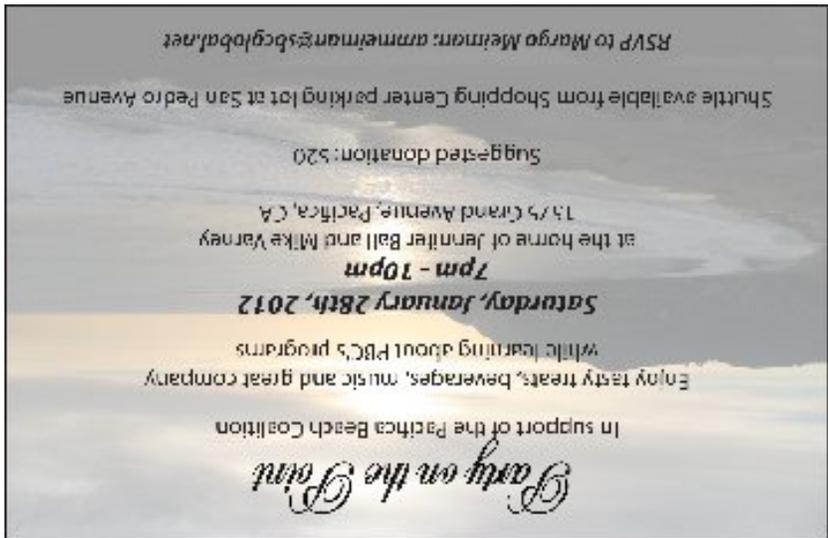
**PPCA Quarterly Meeting Agenda**

THURSDAY 19 JANUARY 2012 7:30 PM

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| Committee reports:                                 | posed meeting (to discuss details of the GPU and alternatives) scheduling is pending identification of a moderator) |
| • Treasurer  |   |
| • Firehouse maintenance                            |   |
| • Events   |   |
| • Parents group                                    |   |
| Seating of the new board and selection of officers | PPCA Logo   |
| Update on GPU regarding the Calson field (the pro- | Safety Update   |
|  | Walk-in new business  |

**Summary of Events:**

- PPCA Meeting - Thurs. Jan 19<sup>th</sup> 7:30 pm
- PPCA Potluck - Fri. Jan 20<sup>th</sup> 6:30 pm
- P. Beach Coalition Party - Sat. Jan 28<sup>th</sup> pm
- Headlands Workday - Sun. Jan 29<sup>th</sup> 9:45 am
- Headlands Workday - Sun. Feb. 26<sup>th</sup> 9:45 am
- PPCA Potluck - Friday March 16<sup>th</sup> 6:30 pm
- Headlands Workday - Sun. Mar. 25<sup>th</sup> 9:45 am
- Moveable Feast - Saturday March 24<sup>th</sup> 5:30
- Earth Day - Saturday April 21<sup>st</sup> 9:00 am



Exciting news regarding the Firehouse Film Series: I've contacted local filmmaker Steve Brown who has an extensive archive of video footage chronicling concerts and travel of 1960's San Francisco rock bands including the Grateful Dead, Country Joe MacDonald, Jefferson Airplane and non-San Francisco bands including the Doors. Steve worked in the Gate-Dead organization and traveled with them. All along he videotaped their concerts, sound checks and travel through Europe and the United States. He has video of the Human Be-In in Golden Gate Park in the Summer of 1967, the Mountain Festival on Mt. Tamalpais, anti-war marches in San Francisco and lots of interviews with band members and Bill Graham. The footage is remarkable for the intimacy with the artists and its historical value. Steve has agreed to share his library with us and we'll be scheduling showings of his videos beginning in April. We'll be confirming the date in the April newsletter. - Danny

**FIREHOUSE FILM SERIES**

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