

Spring 2021

To the Point

Newsletter of the Pedro Point Community Association

Still Together, Being Safe

Earth Day at the Firehouse

Saturday, April 24 from 10am to 2pm

Please help us observe Earth Day 2021 by caring for our local environment! Neighbors are welcome to join us at the Firehouse on Saturday, April 24 from 10 am - 2 pm to tidy up our beloved community playground and surrounding grounds. We'll be weeding, trimming, raking, picking up trash, etc. All ages are welcome and all activities will be done outside while remaining socially distanced and wearing masks, of course.

Please come by and bring your own garden gloves, trimmers, clippers, rakes or other equipment. Wearing a mask is required. Can't make it on April 24? No problem... You can celebrate Earth Day all month long - and all year long - by volunteering with the Pacific Beach Coalition:

<http://www.pacificbeachcoalition.org>

~ Joanne Gold, Pedro Point Community Association President

PACIFIC BEACH COALITION INVITES YOU TO
CELEBRATE EARTH MONTH 2021

Be a Boss - Help the Albatross



BE AN EARTH HERO - JOIN THE FUN!

Agenda for the April 15, 2021 PPCA Meeting

- I. Call to Order and Roll Call
- II. Approval of January 21, 2021 Minutes
- III. Treasurer's Report: Balance Sheet, Income & Expenses through March 31, 2021
- IV. Committee Updates
 1. Firehouse Committee
 2. Planning & Development Committee
- V. New Business
- VI. Adjournment

PPCA General Community Meeting Online on Zoom

Time: April 15, 2021 at 7:30 PM

Join by phone: 1-669-900-6833

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://zoom.us/j/96882663351?pwd=QTggbUFhYi9abjJaUVJaV2pZS0NCQT09>

Meeting ID: 968 8266 3351

Passcode: 927305

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Message from the PPCA President

Dear Pedro Point Neighbors,

As we welcome spring and the broader distribution of Covid-19 vaccines, I'm optimistic that soon we'll be able to enjoy life on the Point once again in the company of the friends and neighbors we've been socially distanced from for more than a year. And hopefully that means we'll be hosting community activities at the firehouse soon, too, like our popular potlucks and pub nights. The PPCA welcomes your input (and volunteer support) on activities you'd like to see happen when it's safe to gather again, so please feel free to contact me with your ideas and suggestions.

In the meantime, stay safe and be well!

Sincerely, Joanne Gold, President



Friendly Reminder

Please help keep the Firehouse Playground clean by taking all your trash with you.

Thank you, Pedro Point Community Association



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Rentals of the Pedro Point Firehouse during Covid-19 Pandemic

The Pedro Point Community Association is allowing rentals of the Firehouse with some restrictions. Here are the San Mateo County guidelines.

Small private gatherings are allowed outdoors and indoors with modifications.

- Masks and physical distancing required
- No more than 3 separate households may attend (including the host's)
- Gatherings should be 2 hours or less
- Those with symptoms of illness must not attend
- Those at high risk of severe illness strongly encouraged not to attend
- Singing, shouting, chanting, cheering, or exercising strongly discouraged outdoors and not permitted indoors

Our priority is the safety of our community and the attendees of rental events during this public health crisis. State and county health and safety recommendations will be followed for every rental.

- ♦ All events must abide by the guidance of San Mateo County at the time the event is held.
- ♦ The PPCA reserves the right to refuse rentals.
- ♦ Cancellations due to changing pandemic public safety rules will be allowed and refunds will be issued. Events which violate public health guidelines may be immediately cancelled and deposits forfeited.

For more information, please contact Camille at: 650-355-4726 or email PedroPtFirehouse@att.net

Preserve the Pedro Point Firehouse Through a Planned Gift...

Built by neighborhood volunteers between 1947 - 1953, the historic Pedro Point Firehouse has served as a 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 that the legacy of the firehouse will be enjoyed by future generations by making a 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. Please consult your financial planner or legal counsel if you'd like to consider including the PPCA Firehouse in your estate plans and help preserve the Firehouse as our local treasure. Contact Joanne Gold at 650-270-8574. Thank you!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Newsletter Editor

The Pedro Point Community Association is looking for someone to produce and edit the neighborhood newsletter, *To the Point*. If you have an eye for detail, are a good writer and editor, are proficient in a desktop publishing program and are comfortable with the Internet and social media for posting, downloading, etc., please contact

Lisa Warns at: lawarns114@gmail.com.



The Firehouse Update

A big thank you and much appreciation to Leo Leon for generously donating 4 air purifiers to the Firehouse! The air purifiers can catch particles as small as viruses. And many thanks to Danny and Leo, who installed the purifiers in March.



Summary of Ad Hoc PPCA Board of Directors Meeting, March 21, 2021

The new recreation manager at the Pacifica Community Center, [Amy Andonian](#), reached out to the PPCA. She would like to reach out to community groups in Pacifica via Zoom.

The PPCA Bylaws have not been updated since 2011. Shall we update? Breck and Marcia offered to help.

Discussed future plans for resuming Firehouse rentals based on city/county Covid restrictions. Updated website to note that PPCA Firehouse will align with county laws and public health guidance as listed here: <https://www.smchealth.org/coronavirus>

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Update PPCA fundraising and event planning based on city/county Covid restrictions
Marcia will meet with Event Planning Committee and consider roving outdoor garden parties, progressive dinners

PPCA presence on Facebook or Instagram

- ♦ Chloe will work with Camille to update Social Media
- ♦ Leo is working with Anne to update website with historical photos.

Can we do small group beach cleanups or a Firehouse playground tidy-up for Earth Day?

Yes with participants wearing masks and physically distancing

Saturday, April 24 from 10am to 2pm - Show up with your own tools, rakes, gardening gloves, and green waste bins. Camille will follow up with Recology on green waste bins. Playground chips will be replaced later in spring.

Pacificans Care Supports Neighbors in Need

We know that not only is the need great, but it is escalating for those Pacificans in need of assistance during these difficult times. **Pacificans Care**, since 1982, remains the only nonprofit that provides you the opportunity to support Pacifica Senior Services, Pacifica Resource Center, Pacifica Child Care Services and Pacifica Youth Service Bureau through one donation.

Your contribution to **Pacificans Care** will help our core agencies provide meals on wheels for seniors, assist families in need with emergency groceries, enhance learning experiences for preschoolers and children, and provide much needed counseling for teens and families in crisis. Your contribution can also support the **Rockaway Ricky Memorial Fund**, which helps seniors and unhoused individuals with the care and well-being of their pets.



SHARE OF CARE
Pacificans Care

To join us in supporting our neighbors in need, go to:

<https://www.pacificans-care.com/donate>

Donate Now

Your contribution to Pacificans Care will help to build a healthy, self-sufficient, and improved quality of life for those in need in Pacifica. Thank you for your generosity.

Summary of PPCA Meeting Minutes - January 21, 2021

I. Call to Order and Roll Call—Joanne Gold called meeting to order at 7:34pm, Present: Joanne, Breck Hitz, Cherie Chan, Marcia Settlet, Helen Brönte-Stewart, Sam Casillas, Camille Keating, Danny Estrella

II. Approval of Oct. 15, 2020 Minutes—Breck moved, Marcia seconded to approve

III. Seating of New PPCA Board Members and Treasurer Chloe Wixsom

All officers were nominated for two-year terms in Jan. 2020 except the Treasurer Breck Hitz, who requested a one-year term. We now have the maximum number of board members at 12. Motion to accept nominations of new Board of Directors and Treasurer Chloe Wixsom passed unanimously.

	Previous Board	New Board
President	Joanne Gold	Joanne Gold
VP	Allison West	Allison West
Treasurer	Breck Hitz	Chloe Wixsom
Secretary	Cherie Chan	Cherie Chan
Firehouse Mgr	Camille Keating	Camille Keating
Firehouse Liaison	Danny Estrella	Danny Estrella
	Sam Casillas	Sam Casillas
	Marcia Settlet	Marcia Settlet
	Helen Brönte-Stewart	Helen Brönte-Stewart
	Essam Metwally	Leo Leon
		Rebecca Smith-Coggins
		Breck Hitz

IV. Treasurer's Report Balance Sheet, Income & Expenses through 12/31/2020

Breck presented Treasurer's Report. Due to lost of Firehouse rentals during the pandemic, we have had net operating income of -\$7,500 in 2020.

Over the years, we have been saving for the substantial funds required to repair the south wall of the Firehouse, which is plagued with dry rot. We should be financially solvent through another year of the pandemic, but will face more problems financing much-needed repairs in the long-run. What has been done to reduce expenses: unplug freezer, fridge, cancelled trash pickup service. Confirmed we can accept non-tax-deductible donations online through PayPal or through checks. Does PPCA qualify for PPP loans? Breck, Chloe, and Bruce will discuss. Motion to accept Treasurers Report was passed unanimously.

V. Committee Updates

Firehouse Committee - The need to replace outside siding persists, but we still need more funds.

Ed (Joanne's husband) has offered to shadow Danny as the Firehouse Liaison in training

Firehouse maintenance continues during the pandemic downtime for the Firehouse. A cracked strut in the ceiling joist system was replaced in December. Recently Dwain Coggins made a generous donation of acoustic paneling material that was to be installed in the Firehouse to improve the acoustics. The project unfortunately didn't happen but the acoustic panels were sold and the revenue was donated to the PPCA general fund.

Trash: There has been a lot of trash lately in front of the Firehouse. The City used to be in charge of emptying the trash can in front of the Firehouse, which was transferred to Recology. Camille will contact Recology regarding their obligation to pick up the trash in front of the Firehouse.

Pedro Point Shopping Center: The increase of takeout during COVID-19 has resulted in trash throughout the neighborhood, especially in the field, which no longer has a trash can. Businesses in Pedro Point do not have adequate trash receptacles. Camille will contact Councilmember Sue Beckmeyer.

VI. New Business

Outreach: We will no longer be printing paper copies of the newsletter. Marcia put postcards in the boxes of every single person who still receives a paper copy of the newsletter and only one person wanted a printed copy.

Breck has registered the Firehouse as Red Cross Disaster Preparedness Site. Chloe will help with social media.

Event Committee: Discussed continued need to connect during this pandemic. A virtual wine tasting with Table Wine and restaurant was suggested but no interest. Drive-through movie: This event sells out every time it is in Pacifica. In August, the PPCA, with Beach Break Entertainment, reached out to the owners of the field using the same email address when Mr. Calson, the owner, served on the PPCA board. We never heard back. We have followed up with the Pacifica Planning Department and Sue Beckmeyer, since they seem to be in frequent contact with Mr. Calson. There was no response.

Virtual Garden Tour? Marica will call a meeting of the Event Committee before the next PPCA meeting.

VII. Adjournment 9:00pm



Coastal Commission Ruling on Local Building Permit

Recently, the California Coastal Commission unanimously voted to deny the application of a local Pedro Point property owner seeking to expand the scope/scale of a proposed development project on San Pedro Ave. (ie: adjacent to the Pedro Point Field next to the Grocery Outlet parking lot) The project was denied based on potential Coastal Act violations, the presence of wetlands, environmentally sensitive habitat, (i.e. California Red-Legged Frogs), as well as the potential for coastal hazard impacts over time. Individual commissioners noted they liked the concept of the proposed development, but couldn't get past the conflicts with environmental factors and the presence of endangered species. The full California Coastal Commission staff report regarding the proposed development is available online:

<https://documents.coastal.ca.gov/reports/2021/3/F16a/F16a-3-2021-report.pdf>



Pedro Point photo by Camille Keating

Upcoming Events

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- ♦ Earth Day at the Firehouse, Saturday, April 24 from 10am to 2pm

We hope to see you in the future when events at the Pedro Point Firehouse resume. If you are interested in planning future Firehouse events, such as the Chili and Chowder Cook-Off, pub nights, potlucks, etc., we always appreciate help from our neighbors. Contact Marcia Settel at: gilset1158@gmail.com

See ya ♡