Pedro Point Community Association

To the Point

April - June 2015

Earth Day Saturday, April 18!

The Pacifica Beach Coalition invites you to **Bee the Change, Bee an Earth Hero** and join the 11th anniversary of **Pacifica's Citywide Earth Day of Action & EcoFest on Saturday, April 18th.**

Cleanup Projects from 9 to 11:30 am Followed by EcoFest 11:30 am to 3 pm at Linda Mar Beach with Music and More!

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Upcoming Events

- *PPCA Board Meeting, Thursday, April 16 at 7:30 pm*
- *Earth Day, Saturday, April 18 from 9 to 11 am*
- *Pedro Point Headlands Restoration, Sunday, April 26*
- *Potluck, Fri, May 29 at 6:30pm*

Help Wanted - Chili Cook-Off

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EASTER EGG HUNT, April 5

The annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Sunday, April 5. Meet at the Firehouse. The hunt begins at 10 am for children 12 and under. Please do not bring children down until 10 am because we don't want to spoil the surprise for our kids! Adults can start hiding eggs--candy-filled and hard-boiled welcome at 9 am. We hope you can bring your kids at 10 am and enjoy watching our neighborhood children hunt for eggs. Contact the Pedro Points Parents Group if you would like help or donate in advance. **pedropointparents@yahoo.com.**

Agenda for the April 16, 2015 PPCA Board Meeting, 1st Quarter of 2015, 7:30pm

I. Call to Order and Roll Call
II. Approval of January 15, 2015 Minutes
III. Treasurer's Report: Balance Sheet, Income & Expenses through March 31, 2015
IV. Committee Updates
  - Firehouse Committee
  - Events Committee
  - Parents Group Committee
V. New Business
VI. Adjournment

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President's Message

Hello neighbors, and welcome to spring! Although after enjoying such an unusually warm, sunny winter, it's hard to notice the change in seasons…
The PPCA has been busy over the past few months hosting a number of events and activities. The most memorable was surely what turned out to be biggest and most successful moveable feast event ever. It seemed that half the Point was in attendance by the time we reached the dessert house, graciously hosted by Dan and Kathleen Shugar. Many thanks to Marcia Settel and the event committee for planning such a great evening, and hats off to the generous hosts and ticket buyers for contributing their time, talents and donations. This event reminded me of just how lucky I am to be living in a community with such warm, generous and fun neighbors!

In March, the PPCA also hosted our 2nd public forum with City Councilmen Mike O'Neill and John Keener who presented important information about issues concerning all Pacificans. Topics of discussion included the need for affordable housing in Pacifica, which touched off a lively discussion about available open space for development, and the status of the Calson Field in Pedro Point. The PPCA is committed to hosting more of these types of important civic events and plans are underway to host other City officials for talks to be held this summer/ fall.
Looking ahead, much of our focus in the coming months will be concentrated on the firehouse restroom remodeling project, and fundraising activities and events needed to support this initiative (preliminary costs estimated between $35K - $40K). As many already know, a critical plumbing failure last summer prompted the PPCA to launch this remodeling effort. The new ADA-compliant restroom design will feature a unisex facility with a diaper changing area to accommodate the needs of families, as well as disabled visitors. These features will greatly enhance our ability to rent the firehouse to a broader range of prospective clients, and deliver on our mission to maintain the firehouse as a gathering place for neighbors and a public resource for our entire coastside community.
Towards that end, it's been determined that all proceeds from the annual Chili Cook-Off this summer will go towards the restroom remodeling project. As we get underway with planning for this year's event in August, please note that a "go-to" guy or gal is needed to lead the event in addition to helper volunteers to be on the event committee. Contestants for the competition (both professional and home chefs) are needed to enter. Please contact Marcia Settel at: **gilset1158@gmail.com** if you are interested in participating.
Hope to see you at our upcoming PPCA meeting on April 16, Earth Day on April 18 or any of the upcoming Firehouse potlucks in the coming months. All neighbors are welcome and encouraged to attend.
Cheers, *Joanne Gold, President*

Help Wanted—Chili Cook-Off Coordinator Needed

Do you like to plan and organize fun events? The Pedro Point Community Association is looking for an energetic, well-organized person to coordinate the 7th Annual Chili Cook-Off this year. Normally, the event is scheduled for the third Sunday in August, which would be Aug. 16. We've developed a guideline/checklist to facilitate the coordination for this event. We have an experienced team of volunteers to work this fun and popular event. We need to start the planning process now so if you are the person we need, please contact Marcia with the Events Committee at: gilset1158@gmail.com

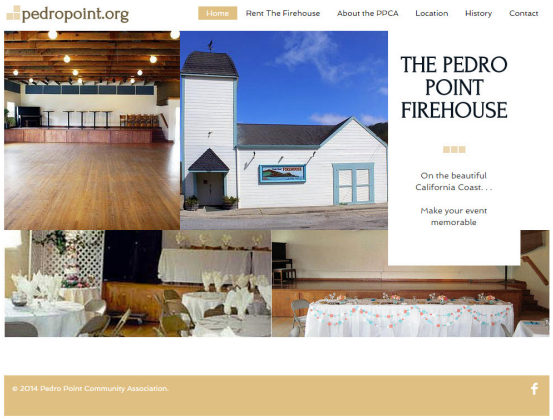
Firehouse Playground Cleanup on Earth Day, April 18!

We are excited to be participating in the citywide Earth Day of Action on Saturday, April 18 from 9 to 11:30am! It's been two years since we came together to build our special community playground, which has become a beloved gathering point for many families throughout Pacifica. Because our lovely playground has been well-loved and well-used, it is time to give it a little TLC and do some repair and maintenance. So, come on over to the playground with your shovels, rakes, gardening tools, compost bins, and paint brushes as we spruce up the playground with a mini-makeover. We will add more sand and wood bark, trim back some plants, repaint some bare spots, and weather seal our wooden play structure. Afterwards, we can walk over to Linda Mar Beach for the Earth Day EcoFest celebration. Volunteers of all ages and skills welcome! For more information, please email cherieandbruce@gmail.com, or call 650-557-1491.

Newly Designed Website!

The Pedro Point Community Association website has a brand-new look!

In case you haven't seen it yet, check out the revamped PPCA website at: **www.pedropoint.org**. It's a cleaner layout that includes more photos for potential renters to check out the Firehouse. Also, there's a section for PPCA activities, listing upcoming events and meetings. It's more mobile-friendly than our previous site, so potential renters can check out the Availability calendar from their phones. Many thanks to Anne Hitz for making this online transition!



Firehouse Maintenance Report **by Danny Estrella**

Firehouse restroom restoration update—The redesigned floor plan has been finalized, reviewed by a licensed architect and received the architect's stamp of approval. Plans were submitted to the City of Pacifica Planning Department for approval (thank you Andy). We're on track for construction to be done during January - February 2016. Next we'll be discussing the final interior design keeping to a refined, coastal theme that complements the existing hall design. We'll be shopping for fixtures in the fall and would appreciate it if anyone can help us with pricing on any fixtures (ADA-compliant toilet, waterless urinal, sinks, paper towel dispensers, lighting fixtures, etc).

We're ramping up the funding campaign now that our plans are finalized. In addition to the rental revenue that we're getting now we're considering donations, grants, selling commemorative plaques and a crowd funding campaign. As with the rebuilding of the Firehouse playground two years ago, it would be great to have contributions from local plumbers and carpenters. The Firehouse was built, and is maintained, by volunteers. Continuing in that spirit, local electrician John Peterson has offered his services to do the electrical work on this project.

The penny floor is on track. We've purchased a template to be used to create tiles with the pennies sorted into a uniform pattern. We're going to need about 240,000 pennies for both restrooms. So we're asking for penny donations for this project. Your pennies will be part of the new floors. Please bring your pennies to the next potluck dinner where we'll have a collection jar. Tile making parties will be scheduled this summer.

Work Party Scheduled—The next maintenance work party is scheduled for **Saturday April 18 (Earth Day) from 9 am to noon.** We'll be cleaning out the debris from the demolition of the downstairs office as well as the junk from the dirt room. We'll be doing a dump run afterwards. The main office needs to be cleaned and an inventory of potluck dinner supplies taken. The landscaping will be cleaned up as well. We'll be inspecting our chairs and tables and taking damaged ones out of service. Come on down, bring your work gloves and dust masks/respirators for a fun morning of keeping our social hall the great place that it is. There is a continuing need to replace broken chairs and tables. Your donations to purchase new equipment are always welcomed and will be acknowledged.

PPCA Board Meeting Minutes—Jan. 15, 2015

Meeting was called to order at 7:45 pm by President Joanne Gold. Directors in attendance were: Joanne, Bruce Ferry, Breck Hitz, Sam Casillas, Claire Lee, and Danny Estrella.
It was moved, seconded, and unanimously approved that the minutes of the previous meeting be accepted as they appear in the current issue of the newsletter.

Treasurer's Report: Bruce gave the treasurer's report, summarizing that 2014 had been a profitable year for the organization, with a net income of just under $12,000. As of December 31, PPCA has a cash balance in the bank of slightly over $33,000. It was moved, seconded, and unanimously approved that the treasurer's report be accepted.
Bruce then discussed the revised Articles of Incorporation for the organization. He explained that the existing Articles have not been updated in decades (if ever), and are not consistent with current California law. One major point of inconsistency is that the existing Articles do not make it clear that no individual can benefit from the corporation's assets or activities. Bruce and several other Board members opined that the new Articles were also consistent with the current PPCA Bylaws. It was moved, seconded, and unanimously approved that the new Articles of Incorporation be accepted.

Firehouse Committee: Danny reported that the front-door lock has been damaged again. It might be possible to install a sturdier lock.
Danny also reported that John Peterson has completed work on the playground lighting, complete with a motion-detecting switch, so the playground can be used after dark. John has also installed new lighting over the bar. The Board appreciated all the time – not only his own, but also that of several employees – and equipment John has voluntarily contributed to this work.
The major Firehouse project is upgrading the bathrooms so we have an ADA-compliant facility. The total cost of this project is uncertain. As a practical matter, we have agreed that we should have a minimum of $40k set aside for this project before beginning. The current plan is to do the refurbishing in January, 2016, during a period when rentals are at their slowest. Between now and then there will be various fund-raising activities, and we will purchase many of the fixtures for the new bathrooms.
One aspect of the planned new bathrooms is a "penny floor," that is, a floor paved with pennies. Several fund-raising ideas were discussed. Sam said he would investigate funding from Silicon Valley sources.
There was agreement that PPCA should form a new Board committee to address financial issues, including fundraising.

Events Committee: The "Movable Feast" also known as a progressive dinner, will be Saturday, Feb 21
Other events under consideration include a garage sale at the Firehouse; a citywide penny drive; a casino night; a family film night with a spaghetti dinner; and some sort of crowd funding for the bathrooms.

New business: Sam said that he and Joanne had attended a meeting sponsored by the Planning Commission about the updated proposed Housing Element in Pacifica. While the GPU calls for 86 housing units in the Calson field, a plan discussed at the meeting calls for 116 units. Sam and Joanne emphasized to the planners that 116 units would be strongly opposed by the neighborhood as it is not feasible to build in the field due to various biologic, legal and CEQA violations as already submitted into the EIR for the GPU by the PPCA
The meeting was adjourned at 9:13 pm.
Respectfully submitted - Breck Hitz, Secretary

Driftwood Sculpture—photo by Lisa Warns

Earth Day - April 18, 2015

by Lynn Adams

EARTH DAY IS COMING—APRIL 18th

The Pacifica Beach Coalition invites you to Bee the Change, Bee an Earth Hero and join the 11th anniversary of their **Citywide Earth Day of Action & EcoFest** on Saturday, April 18th. The day includes gardening, habitat restoration, and litter removal projects all over Pacifica, many within walking distance from the Point! Action is scheduled from 9—11:30 am, followed by the EcoFest at Linda Mar State Beach featuring the Chris Cobb Band, student drum corps, kids activities, environmental booths, speakers and refreshments, 11:30 am to 3 pm.

More than 7500 volunteers embraced "Little Things Matter" and honored the Snowy Plovers last year. This year Earth Day & EcoFest will honor the Bees and invites everyone to "Bee the Change, Bee an Earth Hero." We hope you will find time to join in the action, have fun at the EcoFest and follow it up every day by "Bee"ing an Earth Hero!

Pedro Point Area Action Projects:

- Firehouse Playground - help refresh the playground behind the Pedro Point Firehouse on Danmann Ave.
- San Pedro Creek - meet at the Pedro Point Shopping center next to the creek mouth
- San Pedro Creek flood plain - meet at the convalescent home
- Parking lot above Danmann street (site captain needed here)
- Pacifica Community Center - meet in the parking lot by the Portola statue
- Linda Mar State Beach Cleanup (meet at the seawall just north of Taco Bell
- Linda Mar State Beach Habitat Restoration (meet at the Community Center by the Portola Statue)
- Linda Mar Park and Ride

Be a site captain for the project of your choice - visit www.pacificabeachcoalition.org for more information.

GET DIRTY, DO GOOD

Wanted: Volunteers who like to get outside, do a little hiking, and are up for getting their hands dirty. Bonus points go to those who like to work with others and learn about native habitats. Sound like fun? This is exactly what we do every month at the Pedro Point Headlands during our monthly workday. This past month took us to the far North Ridge to control the Cotoneaster and French Broom populations. While there we enjoyed the view over the Pedro Community, Linda Mar beach and well beyond! A second team salvaged several species of native plants from the coastal bluff to experiment with future restoration work when the OHV grant work begins. But it wasn't all work, we stopped to smell the flowers, picnicked up on the North Ridge, and shared plenty of stories! If you would like to join the fun and make a difference please mark your calendars for **April 26th, May 24th, and June 28th** and plan to meet us at 9:45 am at the Pedro Point Firehouse on Danmann Ave. We return between 1 and 1.30 pm, usually with big smiles! Sturdy shoes, gloves, long sleeve shirts and pants are recommended attire. All projects are tackled by a team of volunteers with gloves, tools, and instructions provided. This work is funded by the CA Coastal Conservancy, organized by the Pacifica Land Trust and supported by the PPCA.

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at 280 San Pedro Rd.

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at 249 Kent Rd.

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Upcoming Events

PPCA Board Meeting
at the Firehouse
Thursday, April 16, 2015 at 7:30pm

Earth Day of Action and EcoFest in Pacifica
Saturday, April 18, 2015 starting at 9 am

The Next Potluck—Friday, May 29 - 6:30 pm

The next potluck at the Firehouse will be on Friday, May 29. Watch your inbox for a detailed announcement. Potlucks start at 6:30pm. Our potlucks are fun and free! Everyone brings a dish to share.

- Last names A-H, bring appetizer
- I-R, dessert
- S-Z, main dishes

Good food, good conversation, meet your neighbors, catch up on events, get involved in your community. Questions?
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