

# to the Point

News from the Pedro Point Community Association

## November 2012

### Harvest Your "Charlie Brown" Holiday Tree and Wreath

On Sunday, November 25th from 10 am to 2 pm the Pacifica Land Trust and Pedro Point Community Association will host our 3rd annual "Cut your own Charlie Brown Holiday Tree" stewardship event. While the trees are not as plentiful, there are trees for those willing to hunt them down, and we will also be hosting a wreath making party as we admire the harvested trees. So come on out to the headlands and get your Holiday tree, make a wreath or help us with the event! We will meet in the Castle Kitchen parking lot (next to Ace Hardware) between 10:00 and 2.00 pm.

For those searching for that perfect tree, be prepared for a rigorous hike to and from the Headlands. Trucks will be available to transport the trees back to the sign-up location, and there will be plenty of boughs for wreath-making. Many of the trees are on the South, Middle, or even the North Ridges, so please be prepared for a trek and bring a friend to carry it down to the loading area. We'll have volunteer help available but can't guarantee enough for everyone immediately. Long Sleeve shirts



### Special Meeting Regarding Pedro Point Field

The PPCA board will be holding a special meeting regarding the Pedro Point field on Sunday, November 4, 2012 at 3 pm at the Firehouse.

**Purpose:** recommendation to city council regarding the best use of the field for Pacifica's General Plan Update

The board would like to hear your input so please come and make your voice heard!

and pants and sturdy hiking shoes are recommended.

Donations to the Pacifica Land Trust will be much appreciated. These trees will be of varying shapes and sizes — all guaranteed natural and free-range. The views are spectacular and the community spirit the best. What's not to like? Happy Holidays, and hope to see you on November 25th.

- Lynn Adams

### Pacificans Care Fall Sweep Citywide Garage Sale – Saturday October 13

The Pedro Point Community Association (PPCA) is participating in the Pacificans Care Fall Sweep citywide garage sale on Saturday October 13. We'll be selling donated items at our garage sale and sharing all proceeds from the sale of these items between the PPCA and Pacificans Care. We'll have two convenient sale locations: **324 San Pedro Ave** (pink house across from the field) and **1207 Danmann Ave** (between the Firehouse and the levee). Come by and pick up some bargains. We'll have music CDs, kitchen appliances, roll-a-board luggage, wool area rug, clothing, a birdcage, and lots more.

Pacificans Care is a non-profit organization that has supported social service agencies for over 25 years in Pacifica. Pacificans Care is also our fiscal sponsor for the PPCA playground-rebuilding project, which means all monetary donations to the playground-rebuilding fund are tax deductible as well as eligible for company matching. (However, the items donated to the garage sale are not tax deductible, it's a bookkeeping thing.) So we're showing our appreciation for the service they're providing to the PPCA.

The PPCA uses funds for maintaining the historic Firehouse on Danmann Avenue. As residents of Pedro Point you all are included in the membership of the PPCA. The Firehouse is owned by the PPCA and is our community hall at which we hold our social events.

**If you have any saleable items that you'd like to donate for us to sell please contact me. Take advantage of this opportunity to clean out your house of items that you no longer use, but which could be of use to others, while you help those in need as well as support our own community.**

I'll be glad to come by and pick them up. I can pick them up anytime and the sooner I do the better prepared we'll be for the garage sale. **Also, we could use a few additional volunteers to assist at the sales on October 13.** Just a couple of hours (not all day!) of your time would be much appreciated. *Thank you! Danny Estrella, warnella@hotmail.com, 359-3263*



## President's Message

Thanks all for participating and coming to the 2012 Chili Cook-Off! It was a really fun event with great live music from our very own Danny Estrella and also Rob Wullenjohn, and tasty chilis from several contestants including new contestants from Vallemar Station and a Grape in the Fog. Congratulations are in order for fellow neighbors Marcia Settel who won Best Vegetarian for *Spillin' the Beans*, and the guys of *3 Pounds -10 Pence Sterling* - Bill Carey, Gary Slippy, Ryan Lang, and Tony Brockman - for Best Meat, Big Gas Chili. Newcomer Vallemar Station won the People's Choice Award. Also a special thanks to contributors Fresh & Easy for salads and sides, and French Patisserie for their delicious desserts!

Reminder - You've probably seen the front-page article, but wanted to remind you again to come to the Special Meeting on Sunday, November 4, 2012 at 3pm regarding the Pedro Point Field. The PPCA board will be hearing comments from the neighborhood, and also get questions answered regarding zoning of the field from City Planning Department head George White. The meeting will be facilitated by a professional facilitator, Tim Dunkin.

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

## PPCA MINUTES: THURSDAY, JULY 19TH

### Meeting Minutes - Thursday, July 19th

1. Meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m.
2. There was a quorum. Absent: Linda Holler and Breck Hitz
3. Treasurer's report was approved. Rentals are up. There is \$5800 in PPCA account and \$7850 in playground fund.
4. Committee Reports:

#### **Firehouse Committee**

Thanks to John Peterson for installing additional electrical outlets. Thanks to Joanne Gold and her husband for installing hooks for the window curtains.

An additional workday will be scheduled in the future

#### **Parents' Group**

The group hopes to start building the playground in February 2012. They are working with Play-by-Design who also built the Frontierland playground as well as the one in Moss Beach. The area will be designed to entertain children ages 2 to 12.

The kick off for tile painting is scheduled for August 4th. An additional day geared for adults is Scheduled for September 15th. Tiles are available at Clay Creations if you can't make (or missed) these days.

The city came out and looked at the plans and determined that no additional permits were required.

A motion was passed to approve the plans for the playground.

#### **Events Committee**

The PPCA will have a booth at Fog Fest on Saturday, selling beer and wine.

The Fourth annual Chili Cook off is scheduled for August 19th. Volunteers are needed to make it work.

A talent show is still in the works - talented folks please speak up.

It was suggested that the PPCA might want to participate in the October 13th city-wide garage sale to help Pacificans Care, as they are helping us with the playground.

It was suggested that we have another progressive dinner before the end of the year. The events chair stated she was unable to work on organizing one at this time.

We are still hoping to organize family film nights to take advantage of our equipment. A license is necessary to show films. It is believed that an annual license would be too expensive.

#### **Calson property discussion**

It was decided to schedule a special meeting devoted only to this discussion as some people may want to be involved in the discussion but don't come to board meetings. It was decided to hold such a meeting on a week-end afternoon to allow for more participation and to invite George White from the planning department as he is knowledgeable about the situation and the zoning terminology. If possible, the meeting will be facilitated by a professional facilitator.

Although this was the decision of the board, there was no consensus at the meeting. Others felt that the decision about how we would like to see the property zoned should be made at the current meeting and that those who wanted to participate in the discussion have been given ample opportunity to do so.

The meeting was adjourned. - Marcia Settel, Secretary

### PPCA BOARD MEETING

Thursday, October 18, 2012, 7:00 PM

Pedro Point 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 Expense through September 30, 2012
- V. Pedro Point Parents Group Committee Report
  - a. Status of Playground Project
- VI. Events and Fundraising Committee Report
  - a. Upcoming events
- VII. Special Meeting on Pedro Point Field - Nov. 4
- VIII. Walk in New Business
- IX. Adjournment

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**"Here We Go a Caroling"...Second Annual Pedro Point Night of Holiday Caroling**

The Second Annual Pedro Point Night of Holiday Caroling is tentatively set for Sunday, December 16th. We will meet at the Firehouse at 7pm and start the evening with hot cider and cookies. After our hands and hearts are warmed, we will head into the night with song.

Everyone is welcome – children will especially enjoy the old fashioned tradition of going from house to house singing holiday songs. Musicians are encouraged to bring their instruments and join in the merriment. Last year an acclaimed musician serenaded us with his flute! And neighbors thanked us with homemade cookies and candy. It was a fun and memorable experience. Once the date has been confirmed an announcement will be made via an email through the PPCA and with a posting on Nextdoor Pedro Point. Be sure we have your email address – we don't want you to miss out on this special evening filled with holiday spirit.

- Jeannene Minnix Kingston

**Pacifica Education Foundation Casino Night**

Many residents of the Point are members of the Pacifica Education Foundation, but if you aren't, or simply haven't heard about our next event, it's right in the neighborhood! Please join us for an evening of fun in support of our kids and community at the Firehouse.

**Pedro Point Firehouse**

Saturday, November 10, 2012 7-11:00 PM

Tickets are \$50/person and include:

Gambling chips, appetizers & desserts and a drink ticket

A live auction with great items including:

- A dinner party
- A casino party at your home, and more . . .

If you'd like to buy tickets, please contact:

Andy Meiman at [ameiman@pacificaef.org](mailto:ameiman@pacificaef.org) or Dawn Wineinger at: [dwineinger@pacificaef.org](mailto:dwineinger@pacificaef.org)

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Roulette  
Craps  
Black Jack

**Beach-Front Memorial Plaques Restored**

The charming beachfront path between Pedro Point and Crespi became somewhat less charming last August when thieves stole the memorial plaques from many of the benches along the path. The missing plaques left behind empty indentations in the benches that were a silent reminder of the meaner side of human nature. Happily, the plaques have recently been restored.

Paid for by the City of Pacifica's Public Works Department, the replacement plaques bear the same inscriptions as the original plaques, according to Aren Clark, the city's Public Works Superintendent. But they are made of aluminum rather than bronze, in the hope that the lower resale value of scrap aluminum will discourage thieves. They're also glued into the benches with a stronger, industrial-strength epoxy, Mr. Clark said. *\* Reprinted from the Pacifica Tribune*

**MADRIGALLI MARKET RETURNS**

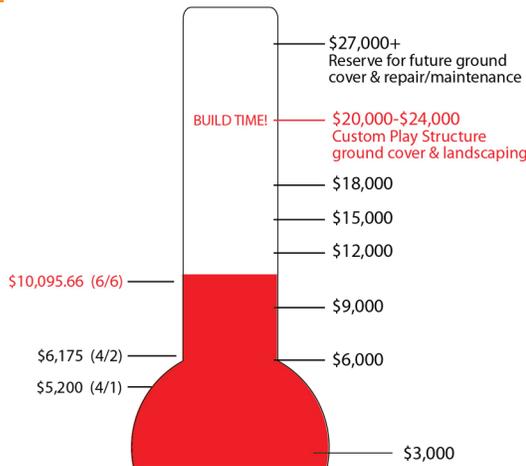
Our 6th annual Madrigalli Holiday Crafts Market is coming the evening of Friday November 30th, and all day Saturday the December 1st. This is the perfect venue to start your holiday shopping, while supporting the rebuilding of our community playground. The Firehouse will be transformed into an artisan collective, with works ranging from jewelry and ceramics, to paintings, clothing, and even some yummy holiday treats!

The proceeds from the event will go towards the rebuilding of the Firehouse's community playground. We encourage donations of baked goods to be sold at the Playground bakesale table, and are grateful for cash contributions as well. Wrapped, baked goods can be brought to the Firehouse on Friday afternoon. For more info check out the Firehouse website at [pedropoint.org](http://pedropoint.org), or call 650-355-4726.

We look forward to seeing you at the market!

- Janine Galligan

### THE GOAL



### PPPG PLAYGROUND PROJECT & TILE PAINTING UPDATE

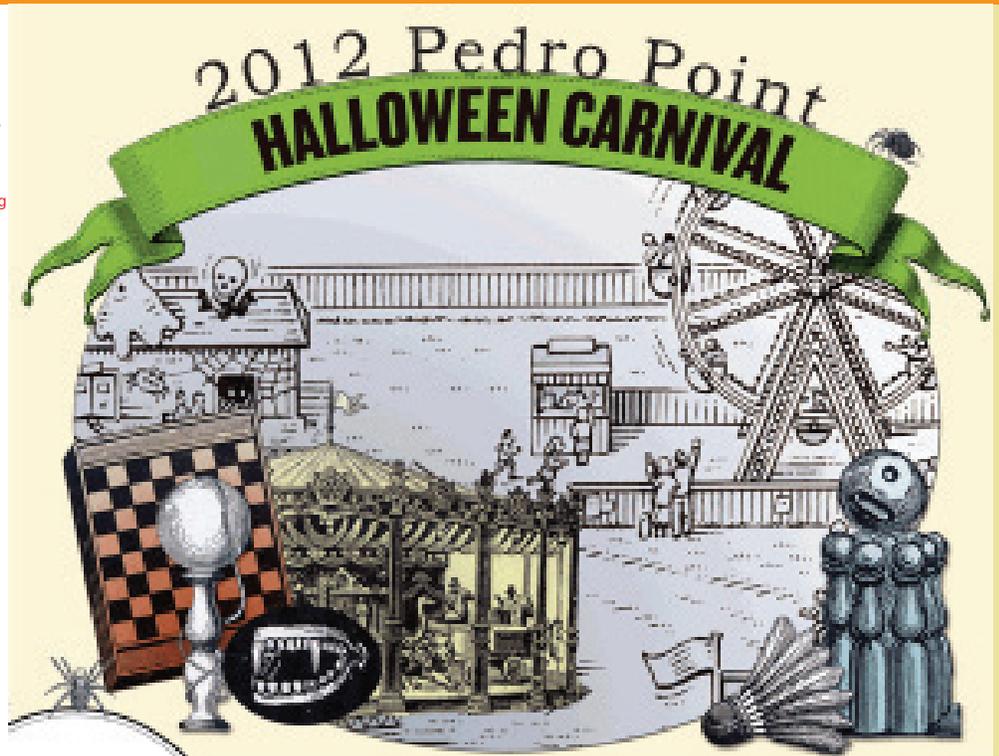
Hard to believe Fall is here and hoping all your kids are doing well back at school. Thanks to all of you who joined us at the recent Playground Kickoff/Tile Painting Events. Particular thank you to Cherie and Bruce for hosting Pinot and Painting at their house as well. With donations and tile purchases we are getting close to our fundraising goal and on track to be playing at our new playground this Spring. I want to thank everyone in the neighborhood for all the support. If you have not painted your purchased tiles or still want to buy a tile, we have scheduled one more tile event **Friday October 26th** from **4-7pm** at the Firehouse. You can also paint your tiles at Clay Creations on Palmetto any Saturday or Sunday during business hours. The deadline for purchasing and painting your tiles is the end of October. Downloadable tile purchase forms are available on our website at [www.pedropointplayground.org](http://www.pedropointplayground.org). \$35 per tile or \$120 for a family pack of four.

Next Steps? The playground committee is focusing this fall on securing sponsorship for the playground equipment and recruiting supply donations.

If you have any leads on supplies or are an individual/company interested in sponsoring something at the playground let me know. The list of items that are still available is on the website under the "how you can help" tab. Sponsored equipment can be adorned with a plaque recognizing individuals/businesses for their donations. Also, as mentioned before, Pacificans Care is our registered 501(c)3 fiscal sponsor which means all donations are tax deductible. All checks payable to Pacificans Care should have Pedro Point Playground noted on them and can be sent to Pacificans Care, PO Box 875, Pacifica, CA 94044

On another note, looking forward to seeing everyone in costume at our 2nd annual PPPG Halloween Carnival on Sunday October 28th. All Pedro Point residents and friends are welcome. We still need some volunteers to work a few of the carnival booths. Contact Lori Brockman if you can help.

Email: [Inbrockman@gmail.com](mailto:Inbrockman@gmail.com) See you around the neighborhood. - Jennifer Hoover



\* Sun., October 28<sup>th</sup> \*

**3 PM - 6 PM**

Pedro Point Residents and Guests Only Please.

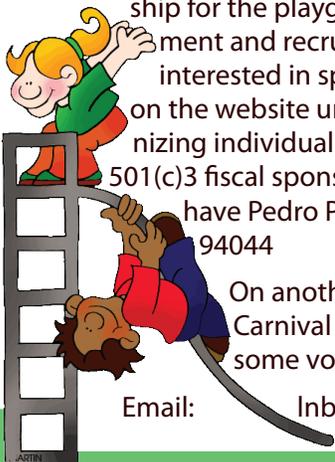
**Pedro Point Firehouse**

*All Donations go toward building the NEW firehouse Playground!*

**ACTIVITIES:**

- Face Painting
- Fair Games
- Costume Parade
- Dance Party

*Children of all ages welcome!*  
Hosted by PPPG & PCFA.





## Pedro Point Headlands Shines with Volunteers

It may have been enshrined in fog for most of August, but last Saturday, the sun shined on the Pedro Point Headlands! Twenty volunteers watered new plants, weeded an old slide area, pulled french broom, and dug out pampas grass to help restore this amazing place.

When their work was done they met up with 11 other visitors and explored a unique biological reserve of plants on the northern most headland peak and heard from two Bay Area men famous for their work with and knowledge of these native plants. Mike Vasey and Jake Sigg teamed up to lead the hike to the famed coastal prairie land just below and talked about the special plants found there.

Here Nootka reedgrass (*Calamagrostis nutkaensis*) and California fescue (*Festuca californica*) flourish there in association with huckleberry (*Vaccinium ovatum*) and a number of other berry-bearing shrubs. They discovered an Elegant Rein Orchid (*piperia elegans*) and marveled at the Pearly Everlasting (*Anaphalis margaritacea*) still blooming and feeding the native insects so long after the last rains have fallen.

As the group ascended up to the Peak, the sun broke through to reveal the bluest ocean below, unbelievable clarity, an amazing white cloud bank in the distance, and truly interesting swirls in the currents out to sea. And suddenly with out anyone speaking the collective thought became "Fog? What FOG? It is a GREAT Day!"

This restoration work is directed by the Pacifica Land Trust, supported by the Pedro Point Community Association, and funded through a CA Coastal Conservancy Grant. The Pacifica Land Trust and California Native Plant Society, Yerba Buena and East Bay Chapters cosponsored the Native Plant Hike.

## Pedro Point Headlands Restoration Approaches Three Year Mark

As we conclude our third year of restoration work on the Pedro Point Headlands we celebrate amazing successes. The once prominent Pampas Grass and French Broom plants are a little more challenging to find now that we've targeted them since beginning our work in 2009.

Oh yes, we will continue to monitor for them just like we will continue to widen trails, weed the planted slide areas, and step up for every opportunity to improve the Headland property.

But after 3 years of stewardship work, we can proudly say that two slide areas have a base of natives that are growing into their new home. Hundreds of visitors have joined us for our annual Charlie Brown Christmas Tree event, native plant hikes, bird walks, and monthly restoration days. Even with limited access through the "green" gate area because of the tunnel work visitors from near and far find a way to visit the Headlands finding solace in the richness of habitat and inspiration from the wonderful wild ocean views!

New property was added to the Pedro Point Headlands this past year giving hikers a little more room to roam and our stewardship team a new area to monitor for invasive species.

Sometime in December the Devils Slide bypass tunnel is expected to open. Shortly after the Grand Opening more work will be done on the east side of Hwy One to create a safe hiking trail into the headlands from the Devils Slide area and future parking spaces .

Future work dates on the headlands are slated for **Sundays, October 28th and November 25th** (See page 1 for the 11/25 event). Please meet at the Pedro Point Firehouse and carpool to the Headland work site at 9:45. For more information about the headlands and the species that reside there please go to [www.pedropointheadlands.org](http://www.pedropointheadlands.org). If you would like to get habitat restoration news for the Pedro Point Headlands please contact our stewardship coordinator at [lynn4promos@aol.com](mailto:lynn4promos@aol.com) or 650.355.1668.

-Lynn Adams



The next potluck at the Firehouse is this **Friday, November 16th at 6:30 pm**. Please come on over and bring something to share. Good food, good conversation...come meet your neighbors. . .get involved in your community..no charge. 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. Paper plates and silver will be available or bring your own.

Questions? Contact *Marcia Settel*: 650-355-8731; [gilset1158@gmail.com](mailto:gilset1158@gmail.com)

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**Events in Our Neighborhood**

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PPCA Neighborhood Board Meeting  
 Thursday Oct 18, 7 pm

Headlands Habitat Restoration  
 Sunday, Oct. 28, 9:45 am

Playground Tile Painting Event  
 Friday, Oct. 26, 4—7 pm

Children's Halloween Carnival  
 Sunday, Oct. 28, 3—6 pm

Pedro Point Field Meeting  
 Sunday, Nov. 4, 3:00 pm

Pacifica Education Foundation Casino Night  
 Nov. 10, 7 pm—11 pm

Friday Potluck  
 Friday November 16th, 6:30 pm

Holiday Tree Hike and Wreath Day  
 Sun. Nov. 25, 10—2 (Castle Kitchen)

Madrigalli Market  
 Friday, Nov 30—Sat. Dec. 1

Holiday Caroling  
 Sunday, Dec 16, 7 pm

\* All Events are at the Firehouse unless noted

**Welcome to the Neighborhood!**

Michael Burden and Jessica Chung, 1530 Grand Ave  
 Jodi Davi, 160 Blackburn Terrace

Magie & Ryan Lang, 210 Sterling Avenue

David Hundsness, 220 Olympian Way

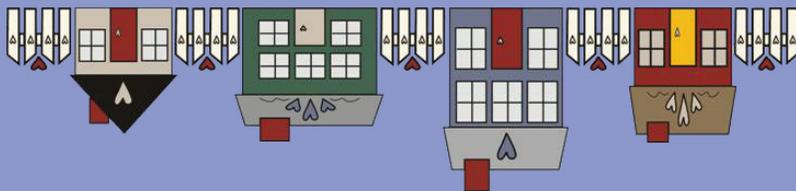
Clair and Alex Masselot, 277 Sterling

Lyla and Bryan Reiner, 1531 Grand Ave

Julie and Brad Wahrlich, 1 Blackburn Terrace

Please Contact Jeaneene Minnix Kingston  
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If you know of any new neighbors  
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