

To the Point

July—Sept 2014

Devil's Slide County Park Open

by Sam Casillas

The March opening of the Devil's Slide County Park was a momentous occasion. Hikers, bikers and rambler now have the opportunity to move freely along a former section of Highway 1 and experience breath-taking views over the majestic cliffs and out across miles of Pacific Ocean. A bonus of the closed road is that it now provides a wildlife corridor crossing for creatures to cross safely into the Pedro Point Headlands. The partnership between the PPCA and the Pacifica Land Trust to manage the Headlands continues to strengthen our connection to this open space and I encourage everyone to stop by and enjoy the fresh air and great hiking. If you have not been to the Headlands recently please note that the Devil's Slide County Park provides the only public access and safe parking. From the parking lot, walk north on the paved walk above the bus stop which runs into a foot path to the staging area above the green gate. Enjoy the miles of trails throughout the Headlands!



POST-FOURTH-OF-JULY BEACH CLEANUP

The Pacifica Beach Coalition invites you to enjoy the 4th of July but then help to protect wildlife after the holiday by collecting any used fireworks and debris in a bucket and disposing safely afterwards. Litter on the streets and from our yards can wash into San Pedro Creek or the ocean via the storm drains or blow in the wind. If you can, please join the organized cleanup on Saturday, July 5, scheduled for 7:30 am at Linda Mar State Beach (this will cover the beach and all of the parking lots including Pedro Point Shopping Center). Meet by the seawall in the main parking lot just north of Taco Bell.

The cleanup will be hosted by the City of Pacifica, the Pacifica Beach Coalition, and the groups who sell fireworks. Please bring a bucket and lightweight gardening gloves to use at the cleanup. Everyone can help by picking up litter wherever it might be, not just on the beach. ~ Lynn Adams

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Upcoming Events

- ♦ Linda Mar Beach cleanup, after Fourth of July, Saturday, July 5, 7:30 am
- ♦ PPCA Board Meeting, Thursday, Aug. 7 at 7:30 pm
- ♦ 6th Annual Chili Cook-Off, Sunday, Aug. 24, 12—2 pm



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President's Message

by Joanne Gold

Summertime, and the livin' is easy... but spring was a blast, too! There were some great events and activities held at the firehouse over the past few months; film fests, potlucks and, of course, the annual Easter Egg Hunt, which this year seemed to have more kids and families in attendance than ever before. So great to see our community growing and families coming together! In the coming months, the PPCA is thinking of adding some new events to our calendar that might appeal to a wide audience of neighbors. We'd love to get your feedback

on what types of activities might bring you down to the firehouse. Family Movie Nights? Art & Wine Tasting? Block Party BBQ? Feel free to contact me or any Board member with your thoughts/suggestions.

In the meantime, hope to see you all at the

6th Annual PPCA Chili Cook-off on Sunday, August 24th.

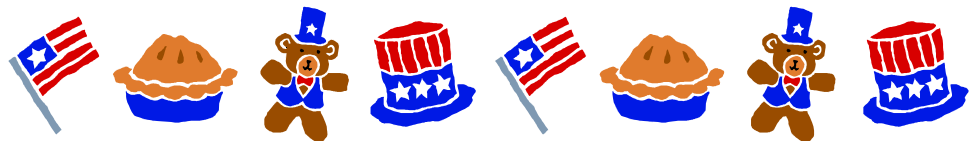


If you've never been to this awesome event, I highly encourage you to mark your calendar and join us this year!

Cheers,

Joanne Gold, President

Please have a fun, yet safe summer!
Happy Fourth of July!



Agenda for the August 7, 2014

PPCA Board Meeting, 2nd Quarter, 7:30pm

- I. Call to Order and Roll Call
- II. Approval of April 17, 2014 Minutes
- III. Treasurer's Report: Balance Sheet, Income & Expenses through June 30, 2014
- IV. Committee Updates
 - Firehouse Committee
 - Events Committee
 - Parents Group Committee
- V. New Business
- VI. Adjournment

6TH ANNUAL CHILI COOK-OFF 2014

GET READY FOR THE 6TH ANNUAL PACIFICA CHILI COOK-OFF!

Sunday, Aug. 24 from noon to 2pm

Come down to the Pedro Point Firehouse for our annual chili cook-off. Entrees go fast so show up right at noon or you will miss out on some tasty stews and chilies! Side dishes, desserts and beverages will also be available.

Want to share your delicious creation and participate in the competition? Go to www.pedropoint.org and print out an entry form. Follow instructions to enter but don't delay—the number of contestants is limited. Know someone who wants to be a sponsor? Do you want to volunteer to help at the cook-off? Questions or need more information? E-mail Cherie at Cherieandbruce@gmail.com or call 650-557-1491

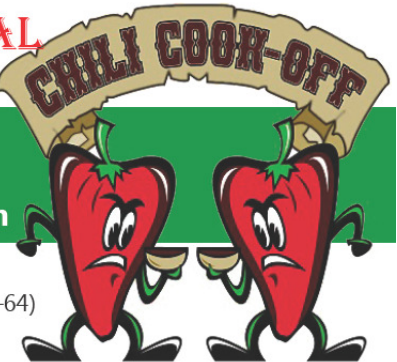
6TH ANNUAL
PACIFICA

Sunday,
August 24th
Noon–2:00 pm

\$40 Family

\$15 Adult (ages 21–64)

\$ 5 Seniors/Youth



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VEGETARIAN AND MEAT CATEGORIES

PAST WINNERS INCLUDE: THE SURF SPOT, DIAL GLASS, VALLEMAR STATION, GORILLA BBQ, 3 LBS STERLING, THE OLYMPIANS, BIG GAS CHILI, BOHEMIAN ELK, AND THE PACIFICA FIRE DEPARTMENT!

A Fundraiser
at, and benefiting
the historic

Pedro Point Firehouse

@ 1227 Danmann Avenue

in Pacifica. <http://pedropoint.org/>

For info about the cookoff, call: 557-1491
or email cherieandbruce@gmail.com

Firehouse Maintenance Report

by Danny Estrella

We have our own projector now!

The film event showing Fred Windisch's *The Natural Art* film was a huge success and generated enough revenue to purchase the projector that we've been borrowing from Bryan Kingston of Kingston Media. I want to thank Bryan for his generosity for letting us borrow the projector for all of our film events. He recently upgraded his equipment (Bryan is a film maker) and was going to sell this projector. He gave us the 'Bro' deal on it. So we're equipped to show films anytime. Film ideas anyone? We also made some extra money, which allowed us to stock up on our event beverages and add some revenue to our firehouse maintenance fund.



Firehouse Maintenance Work Party: Scheduled for Saturday, August 9 from 9:00 am to noon. Watch for a reminder via our PPCA email service and NextDoor. We need to do a chair and table inventory and assessment. We have some aging and damaged chairs and tables that we need to take out of service. We need to repaint some chairs that we acquired awhile back. There are also a few minor maintenance items we'll address as well. I hope you can join us. These parties are fun and "many hands make light work." E-mail Danny at warnella@hotmail.com if you can help.

Detour

Hwy. 1 Bridge Replacement Project and Detour Has Begun

Pedro Point residents and travelers along Highway 1 at Linda Mar Blvd. now go along a detour. Hwy. 1 is closed just south of Linda Mar Blvd. so that CalTrans can rebuild the San Pedro Creek Bridge. The level of the bridge needs to be raised up to allow for storm flows in the creek. Also, seismic and structural adjustments will be made. Until drivers get used to this new route, please be careful driving along this stretch of road. Watch out for pedestrians, bicyclists, motorcyclists, confused drivers, distracted tourists, etc.



PPCA Board Meeting Minutes—April 17, 2014

Meeting was called to order on 4/17/14 at 7:40 pm by PPCA President Joanne Gold

Board Present: Bruce Ferry, Danny Estrella, Joanne Gold, Sam Casillas, Marcia Settel, Claire Ervin Lee, Breck Hitz
It was moved, seconded, and approved to accept the minutes of the previous meeting without change.

Firehouse Committee. Danny Estrella explained that the workday scheduled for April 26 would be rescheduled because it conflicts with Earth Day activities. The new date for the work party will be announced. Among the tasks to be addressed:

- inventory the Abbey Rents chairs and repaint them as necessary
- trim the shrubbery around the Firehouse
- repair the broken wall around the front door
- fix the brackets for the blackout drapes
- address animal access and damage in the basement

Joanne asked that Danny prepare a priority list for these and other Firehouse tasks, along with a cost estimate for each task. Danny agreed to do so.

More revenue would expedite Firehouse maintenance and Danny suggested a list of activities that could help with fundraising:

- a direct solicitation of funds from the community
- implementing dues for PPCA membership
- art exhibitions and wine tastings at the Firehouse
- dances ... and/or dance lessons at the Firehouse
- movie nights ... perhaps with commercial movies, for which we would pay the necessary fees but collect more at the door.
- parents' nights out: group babysitting for parents of young kids
- catered dinners at the Firehouse
- an auction. Maybe residents and local vendors would donate vacation homes, dinners at restaurants, etc., which would be auctioned.
- pancake breakfasts at the Firehouse
- an autumn-themed event to match the Easter-egg hunt ... an apple or walnut hunt?
- a crafts fair at the Firehouse
- a yoga-thon at the Firehouse
- recitals at the Firehouse for local music students
- open-mike nights at the Firehouse for local musicians

Events Committee. Marcia Settel announced the

upcoming movie night this Sunday evening, and the potluck on Sunday, May 18 at 4 PM. She said that the committee would not schedule a Movable Feast dinner party because there was too little interest, and for the same reason a tentative community garage sale would not happen.

Parents' Committee. There was no report from the parents' committee.

At this point, the PPCA meeting was suspended for a presentation about the widening of Highway One.

Treasurer's Report. Bruce Ferry reported that we continue to receive about \$2,000 a month in rental income for the Firehouse. We currently have about \$20,000 in the PPCA checking account.

It was moved, seconded, and approved to accept the treasurer's report.

New/other business.

The City of Pacifica's General Plan Update. The focus here was on what the General Plan envisions for the "Calson field." PPCA has a history of deep concern about this issue, and there is consternation that the new General Plan Update is not giving sufficient consideration to residents' opinions. Joanne moved that a committee be created to address the issue and report back to the PPCA Board. The motion was seconded and approved.

Interface with the Pacifica Police Department. We've recently had an incident on Pedro Point. An apparently mentally-disturbed resident was killed by a SWAT team when he stabbed a police officer after a six-hour standoff at his home. The community had expressed a desire for information about the event from the police. I invited Capt. Joe Spanheimer of the PPD to come to a neighborhood meeting, but he demurred. He explained that City policy prevented him from saying anything more than what's in the press release about the incident, and that would not be helpful. But beyond that, I inferred that he didn't relish being a "spearcatcher" – a guy who stands up in front of a hostile audience and tries to answer questions. But still, he said that after the "ongoing investigation" was completed, he could attend a neighborhood meeting.

Interface between PPCA and City Council. City Council member Karen Ervin has agreed to be the contact person between City Council and Pedro Point. Once a month, she will update us on issues that might impact Pedro Point, and that information will be disseminated to residents on NextDoor, through our email list, and the PPCA newsletter.

A motion was made, seconded, and approved to close the meeting.

~ Respectfully submitted—Breck Hitz, Secretary



Pedro Point Headland Restoration

by Lynn Adams

Please mark your calendars and plan to join us for some habitat restoration work on the Pedro Point Headlands on July 27th, August 24th, and September 20th (Saturday - Coastal Cleanup Day) if you can. We will be widening trails, collecting seeds, and possibly embarking on some experimental restoration work on the middle ridge and Arroyo bluffs. We will continue checking on the natives planted along our restoration sites. We meet at the Pedro Point Firehouse at 9:45 am and carpool up to the site. We will hike and enjoy refreshments then return to the firehouse between 1 and 1:30 pm. 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. If you would like more information you can go to www.pedropointheadlands.org or contact Volunteer Coordinator, Lynn Adams at lynn4promos@aol.com

Next Month!

6th Annual Chili Cook-Off

Sunday, Aug. 24, 2014

12 Noon to 2 pm



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Pedro Point Headlands 2014 Habitat Restoration Schedule

July 27,

Aug 24,

Sat. Sept 20 (Coastal Cleanup Day)

Oct 26, Nov 23

Young and old are invited to join us for a variety of tasks that vary with the season. Unless noted, work time is 9:45 am to 1 pm. Meet at the Pedro Point Firehouse at 9:45 am to carpool to the work site.

Pedro Point Headlands News

The Devils Slide County Park just opened in March and already the Pedro Point Headlands have seen an increase in hikers. The Headlands stewardship team under the direction of the Pacifica Land Trust has been preparing for this moment for a long time. Not only have they made many trail improvements, they have installed trail signs at all of the strategic intersections to guide these visitors safely to and from the ocean vistas. A new trail was even built above the old Green Gate entrance location so that visitors can park in the Devils Slide County Park parking lots on the north end and walk into the headlands via a paved trail. This trail is for pedestrians only as it is not suitable for bikes. A future bike path to Pacifica is planned for this site.

Upcoming Beach Cleanups

Scheduled from 9 - 11 am

July 12 - Sharp Park (meet by the start of the levee)

July 19 - Linda Mar State Beach (meet by seawall just north of Taco Bell)

August 2 - Rockaway Beach (meet in the north lot by the seawall)



6th ANNUAL PACIFICA CHILI COOK-OFF



SUNDAY AUGUST 24TH
Noon to 2 PM

ENTRY FORM

Come join us for our 6th annual Chili Cook-off! Enter your favorite concoction and compete against other secret recipes!! There'll be lots of fun, excitement, and awards for Best Professional Entry (Meat & Veggie), Best Home-Cooked Entry, Best Non-Traditional Chili, and People's Choice. Thank you for supporting The Historic Pedro Point Firehouse!

Chili Name: _____

Type (circle): Meat Vegetarian

Cooks/Affiliations/Team Name: _____

Contact Person: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ email: _____

Remember, no stoves or equipment available at the firehouse, but you can bring a crock pot to keep your chili warm. Teams are responsible for providing supplies and equipment to serve their chili. We will provide a table, dishes, sides, drinks, and an official judges' sample cups. Setup begins at 11 am.

Minimum of 8 quarts of Chili must be prepared. Entrance Fee is \$35. Please make checks payable to **Pedro Point Community Association**. Thank you for helping us maintain this historic non-profit community gathering place.

RULES

Rule No. 1: Bring at least eight quarts of tasty chili

Rule No. 2: Have a sample ready by 1pm for the judges' table.

Rule No. 3: Have a great time!

Please fax or mail completed form to:
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Phone: (650) 557-1491
http://pedropoint.org/Firehouse_Fundraisers.html

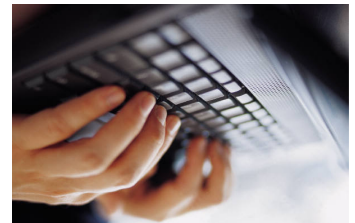


PPCA Board Meeting
at the
Firehouse
August 7 at
7:30pm

No Potluck in July
There will not be a potluck in July—everyone is busy preparing their chili recipes for the August Chili Cook-Off!

Upcoming Events

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