

PEDRO POINT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

To THE POINT

APRIL 2010

PPCA Cioppino Feed this Sunday!

After a few years absence, the firehouse will once again host a Cioppino feed. There will be crab, mussels, scallops, and fish all mixed together in a fantastic tomato sauce that makes this local delicacy a seasonal treat.

We hope to see you Sunday, March 28th, at the Pedro Point Firehouse. We will be serving from 5:00 to 8:00 but recommend early arrival to guarantee your share of this bountiful seafood stew. To accompany your Cioppino there will be bread, salad and for those not choosing the stew there will be raviolis. Of course, all of this will be concluded with dessert and coffee. Get your tickets ASAP by calling Breck Hitz at 650-355-4423 or e-mail: bhitz@sbcglobal.net. - Robin Jaquith

Get your Easter Baskets Ready!!

The annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held this year on Easter Sunday, April 4th: the Hunt begins at 10:00 am for children 12 and under.

Please do not bring children down until 10:00 am: we don't want to spoil the surprise for our kids! Adults can start hiding eggs--candy-filled and hard-boiled welcome--at 9:30 am.

We hope you can bring your kids at 10 am to enjoy watching our neighborhood children hunt for eggs. Donations are welcome and appreciated.

See you at the Hunt!

-- Barbara Keating Reiker and Meghan Alexander

Pedro Point Parents Club

Let the kids play and meet other Pedro Point parents or just join our yahoo group. This is a great network to spread information across our neighborhood.

We have a mix of kids young and old, and expecting parents as well. We are planning a friday happy hour next month.

Email simplygraphic@comcast.net for more information.

-Jennfer Hoover

Next PPCA Meeting April 8th, 7:30 pm Agenda

- Cioppino Feed
- Easter Egg Hunt
- Linda Mar Parking Fees with PPD Captain Bertini
- Movie Nights, Garage Band Night, and other ideas for community-building
- Committee Points
- PLT Headlands Update
- Other, bring your ideas!

Minutes Meeting 1-14-2010 Start time 7:45 PM

Sam Casillas, President, starts the meeting.

1. Approval of minutes
2. Treasures report approval
 - A. See Breck's Financial Report

3. Election of the Board

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| B. Danny Estrella President | G. John Janes |
| C. Jose Barba Vice President | H. Linda Holler |
| D. Breck Hitz Secretary | I. Greg Hirsch |
| E. Sam Casillas Past-Pres | J. Marcia Settler |
| F. Bruce Ferry Treasurer | K. Robin Jacquith |
| G. Denny Delk | L. Arno Rohloff |

4. Marcia Settler suggested we create a separate 501c 3 to maintain the firehouse

- A. Arranged by emails
- B. Change positions on the board to 2 year terms may be a possibility
- C. Looking for way to increase PPCA participation.

5. Linda Mar beach parking is going to start soon

- A. PPCA is proposing the parking permits for Pedro Point residents.
- B. Parking issues
 1. Make know to city council we have a parking problem already and that this policy will only make it worse. Enforcement of these policies will be a main concern.
 2. We agree that a recommendation should be made to enforce parking issues as an impact of the new parking fees
 3. Danny Delk will lead off a committee to work with the City of Pacifica an work with these issues

6. New screen has been put up inside the fire house thanks to

- John Peterson, Danny Estrella and Bruce Ferry
- A. We are looking for someone to donate a Projector

7. New fence was installed by Danny Estrella and Bruce Ferry

8. Danny Estrella fixed the noise in the refrigerator

9. PLT headlands update

- A. Met on Saturday for a hike



B. Formed Groups

- I. Habitat Restoration Committee
- II. History Committee
- III. Signage Committee
- IV. Trails Committee
- V. Safety Committee

- 1 Please report any and all motorcycle activity

C. Want to get into shape to be able to pass it on to the GGNRA

- D. Trail access will be through grand for now,
 - I. Also planning on making access behind the Ace hardware.

10. Easter Egg Hunt will be in April

11. The Crab Cioppino feed will be coming up soon.

12. Firehouse committee

13. Potluck will be on Friday January 29th

14. Work needed for the firehouse

Job Description	Material	Material	Labor
Refinish Hard-wood Floors	Sealer, Sander Renter, Misc	\$300	Volunteer
Leak Proof Steeple	Siding, Underlayment, Trim, Hardware. etc	\$250	\$300-\$400
Earthquake Proofing	Brackets, Lumber, Bolts, Etc	\$300	\$200
Screen Electrical	Misc	\$50	Volunteer
Playground Fence & Sign	Misc	\$50	
Deck, Garbage Box, Hose Bib, Skid Proof Steps	Misc	\$500	\$500
Dump Run	None	\$40	\$50

Jose Barba, Past Secretary

President's Message

It's springtime in Pacifica and we live in one of the greatest communities I've known. A new PPCA Board of Directors and slate of officers were elected at the January general meeting. Sam stepped down and I was elected the new PPCA president. I want to thank Sam for doing such a great job as president. His energy, ideas and participation will be valued as he continues on as a member of the Board.

The PPCA is busier now than ever with activities. The Headlands Preservation Project is well on its way with four successful work parties completed already. There is still a need for volunteers with this project. A PPCA parking committee has been meeting with the Pacifica City Manager and Police department to discuss the potential impact of parking on our neighborhood streets with the anticipated start of paid parking at the Pacifica State Beach. Another committee is discussing the PPCA bylaws to update them. Still yet another committee is exploring the idea of creating a separate 501c3 non-profit organization for the PPCA to enable donors to make tax-deductible contributions. Our events committee is planning some fun activities to exercise the PPCA mission statement, that is, to foster a sense of community within Pedro Point. We have the Cioppino Feed on March 28, the annual Easter Egg hunt on April 4, the Potluck dinners on the second Friday of odd-numbered months, and plan to savor the delicious creations at the annual Chili Cook-off on August 15. There will be more events to share such as BBQs, progressive dinners and yard sales at the Firehouse and movie nights. The recently formed Pedro Point Parents Group (PPPG) serves the needs of the parents and the growing number of children on the Point. In line with the PPPG Camille Keating has some great ideas to improve the children's playground at the Firehouse. So you can see there are lots of ways to enjoy living in our very fortunate community.

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FIREHOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT

Our meeting hall, the Firehouse, is such a great venue in which to gather. We're very fortunate to have it. I was speaking with a guest at the Firehouse who said it reminded her of the community hall that she had in her homeland in England. It was an intimate space where neighbors met regularly and children grew up in an extended family.

There have been some significant improvements with the installation of the acoustic treatment and the new, large pro-

jection screen. I give much thanks to neighbor Gheeva Chung of Pedro Point Creative for her generous donation of six cocktail tables. If you have some items that you think would be useful at the Firehouse please contact me or any member of the Board.

The following maintenance issues are still outstanding due to the delay caused by the recent abundance of rain and continuing inadequacy of funds: 1) repair to the leak in the steeple, 2) strengthening of the basement structure, 3) refinishing the hardwood floor and 4) rebuilding the trash can cabinet. These are still high priority and will be tackled as soon as possible.

The historic Firehouse is available for rent for parties, receptions, professional meetings, lectures, classes and more. Please think of using it for your next event.

-Danny Estrella



2nd Annual Chili Cook-Off Date Set

The 2nd Annual Pacifica Chili Cook-Off will be held at the Firehouse on Sunday, August 15, 2010 from noon to 4pm. We are looking to top last year's event with more contestants and even better Chili!

The format will be the same - enter the contest with either a meat or no-meat Chili. Each will be judged separately in a blind tasting by a distinguished panel of judges from our community. Last year's winners - The Surf Spot (Meat) and St. Pauli Guy (No Meat) are sure to be here again! Proceeds from the Cook-Off will be used for much-needed improvements to the Firehouse.

We are also looking for volunteers to help in organizing the event. Let me know if you are interested - 650-557-1491.

- Bruce Ferry

We hope to have everyone from Pedro Point come and enjoy the wonderful community center that we all own and are a part of: Remember that we all own the Firehouse, so anything you can do to help with a donation for the upkeep is appreciated, but what is most appreciated is for everyone to come down and enjoy yourselves with friends and family at the firehouse. Although times are tough, this is a reminder to all that all our events are donation-based, so we only ask that you donate what you can afford, and if that means only your participation and a smile, then that is more than enough and the best donation of all. I look forward to seeing you soon.

- Danny Estrella

Earth Day is coming. Join us in making a difference!

On Saturday, April 24, Pacifica will be celebrating the 40th Anniversary of Earth Day with the Pacifica Beach Coalition's 6th Annual City-wide Day of Action event. Action will be from 9-11.30 and a celebration will follow at Linda Mar State Beach with a band, DJ, community group tables, and refreshments.

5000 or more volunteers are expected to take action in this year. We hope you will be one of them. A number of projects are planned for the Pedro Point area, as shown below.

- Restoration of the Pedro Point Headlands - meet at the Pedro Point Firehouse and car pool to the site
- San Pedro Creek - meet at the Pedro Point Shopping center next to the creek mouth
- Parking lot above Danmann street (site captain needed here)
- Pacifica Community Center - meet in the west 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 in the Community Center parking lot - by the Portola Statue
- Be a site captain for the project of your choice - go to www.pacificabeachcoalition.org to sign up.

- Lynn Adams

Pacifica Yoga is Back!

Come to the Firehouse for community Yoga classes taught by Pacifica Yoga, Tuesdays and Thursdays at 6 pm. Classes are \$10 on a drop-in basis. Bring your mat if you have one. Call Pacifica Yoga at 415.225.5182 for more information.



Last Spring we held a community garage sale which was a rousing success for vendors, shoppers, and PPCA.

If anyone wants to take charge of organizing one this summer, the events committee will help them.

So please get in touch.

- Marcia Settler

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Parking on Pedro Point

Compared to residents of San Francisco, we've never had much of a problem with parking on The Point. Streets are narrow here, and on many of them you're not supposed to park within six feet of the center of the pavement ... but that regulation is seldom enforced. But this serendipitous situation is likely to change if fee parking goes into effect at Linda Mar beach in the next year.

According to City Manager Steve Rhodes, the rate will be \$3 for four hours, or \$6 for all-day parking. Year-long permits will be available at \$50. Various bureaucratic hurdles, including Coastal Commission approval, still need to be overcome, so Rhodes predicts the plan will not be implemented until late this year or early next year.

If it is implemented, Pedro Point and Linda Mar will likely see a lot of beach-goers parking in neighborhood streets to avoid the fee. We don't want to have our Pedro Point streets become clogged with sunbathers' and surfers' cars. To see what can be done to avoid that, Denny Delk and I, along with several Pedro Point neighbors, have met several times with City Manager Rhodes and police Captain Dave Bertini.

During the next several months, you'll see police cars cruising around Pedro Point with their video cameras operating. They'll be creating a record of what "normal" parking looks like, so they have a calibration for comparison after fee parking goes into effect. If the streets become significantly more congested, then the City can quickly put a plan of permit parking or parking time limits into effect.

The nature of that plan will be a subject of discussion between Point residents and the City during coming months. Are time limits or permitting the preferred option? What hours will permit parking be enforced? How much will permits cost? What about guests visiting us? What about customers of the Point's businesses (including the Firehouse)? We want to have answers to all these questions and more beforehand, so a regulated parking system can be put into place quickly if necessary.

Police Captain Bertini will be at the next PPCA general meeting on April 8 at the Firehouse, to discuss parking issues on the Point. If you're concerned with parking, please plan to attend and learn more about it.

- Breck Hitz

Pedro Point Stewardship Committee

Mark your calendar and join us on Sun., March 28th as we continue our Habitat Restoration of the Pedro Point Headlands. We will meet at the Pedro Point Firehouse at 10:00 am and carpool to the Headland entrance off of Hwy 1 to remove non-native French broom and pampas grass. Our hope is to create several trail loops from the Hwy1 gate to the north ridge trail while removing non-natives along the way, widening the trail when necessary and closing off duplicate or unneeded trails that cause severe slope erosion. We expect to return by 1:00pm. Please dress for warm or cold, bring a travel cup or bottle for water, light snack for afterwards, and some gardening tools if you have them.

Since January we have widened the main trail of the north ridge (the Ridge closest to the Pedro Point Community), closed off duplicate trail shoots, and removed hundreds of non native pampas grass, french broom, and poison hemlock. We've also moved dozens of native species including coyote bush, Pacific reed grass, wild strawberries, yarrow, and seaside daisy's from the widened trail where they would be trampled, to the eroded slopes in the hopes of stopping the erosion and restoring the native ecosystem.

The Pacifica Land Trust, Pedro Point Community Association, City of Pacifica and California Coastal Commission are working together to engage citizens and visitors in the restoration of this special native prairie grass habitat. Additional work dates are planned for April 24th, May 23rd, and June 27th. If you would like more information you can go to www.pedropointheadlands.org or contact Volunteer Coordinator, Lynn Adams at 650.355.1668.

- Lynn Adams



February Volunteers celebrate after a job well done



On Sunday, February 28th, the Firehouse was transformed into a tropical paradise in honor of Pedro Point resident and surfer, yogini, dog-walking extraordinaire, and friend, Dana Pifer. Friends and neighbors from near and far gathered at the Firehouse to dance to the numerous bands performing, eat delicious food by local chef Derek Burns, bid on more than 100 auction items donated by friends and local businesses and most importantly, to show our support as Dana goes through treatment to beat breast cancer. Proceeds from the event will help offset Dana's living and medical expenses through this period. If you missed the event and would still like to send a card or direct contribution, please send mail to: Dana Pifer, P.O. Box 754, Pacifica, CA 94044.

Dana would like to thank the PPCA, Mary Ellen Carroll, Elizabeth Pepin, Derek Burns, Karen Tomsen, Jenna Gilman, Sharon Aris, Barbara Keating, Camille Keating, Heidi Terwey, Maria Mesina and many others for their support and love.

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The turnout for our March potluck was small but as always, it included new folks, old neighbors, new babies and good food. Hopefully we'll have wonderful weather for our next potluck on May 14th, and we can include a barbecue and eat out on the deck.

- Marcia Settel



with your ideas.

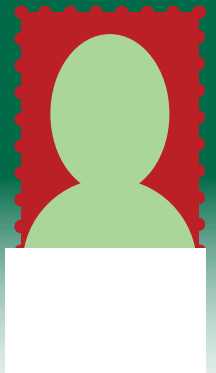
Do you have a story idea?
Come to the next meeting,
or email the newsletter editor

Schedule of Events

Sun., March 28th 4:00 pm - Cioppino Feed
Sun., Mar. 28th 10:00 am - Headlands Work Party
Sunday, April 4th 10:00 am - Easter Egg Hunt
Thursday April 8th, 7:30 pm - PPA Meeting
Saturday April 24th, 9:00 am - Earth Day
Friday May 14, 6:30 pm - Community Potluck
Sunday May 23, 10:00 am - Headlands Work Party
Sunday June 27, 10:00 am - Headlands Work Party
Sunday Aug. 15th, noon - Chili Cook-Off

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