

To the Point

Oct—Dec 2016

Escape to the Headlands Hike

Sunday, November 27, 2016

The Pacifica Land Trust would like to invite the public to our second annual **Escape to the Headlands**, at the Pedro Point Headlands on Sunday, November 27th from 10am to 2pm. Kick off the holiday season with a gratitude hike. Gather the family and get outside, enjoy nature, escape the holiday shopping and the hustle and bustle, breathe fresh air, experience this unique coastal habitat and beautiful place very close to home!

From a flat 1/2 mile to a gentle one mile or even a great 4-mile roundtrip hike that includes the connected Devils Slide trail, there is a hiking option for all ages and endurance levels.

Escape to the Headlands will be a MERRY event with hot cider, snacks and cheer, and plenty of surprises, too. It just might make the best memories of your holiday season!

Participants should check in at the Castle Kitchen and Bath, 520 San Pedro Ave. parking lot between 10am and 1pm and plan to return no later than 2pm. You will be safely transported to and from the Pedro Point Headlands staging area. Long sleeve shirts, pants and sturdy shoes are recommended.

Hiking to the bluffs for the spectacular views of the ocean, Devils Slide, Shelter Cove and beyond can be quite rigorous but definitely well worth it.

The Pedro Point Headlands stewardship program and this event are brought to you by the Pacifica Land Trust and supported by the Pedro Point Community Association. Donations to the Pacifica Land Trust are always appreciated and will help preserve, protect and restore these magnificent headlands for us and future generations. Happy Holidays! See you there! To learn more about our ongoing stewardship and restoration efforts, go to www.pedropointheadlands.org or call us at 650-355-1668.

Agenda for the October 20, 2016 PPCA Meeting, 7:30 pm 3rd Quarter of 2016

- I. Call to Order and Roll Call
- II. Approval of July 21, 2016 Minutes
- III. Treasurer's Report: Balance Sheet, Income & Expenses through Sept. 30, 2016
- IV. Committee Updates
 - Firehouse Committee
 - 1. Playground Vandalism
 - Events Committee
- V. New Business
- VI. Adjournment

Playground Vandalism—There have been recent reports of vandalism and misbehavior at the Firehouse playground that have caused grief to at least one family. These acts are a violation of the security at the playground. Several community members have called for installing security upgrades to discourage and, if necessary, catch the perpetrators of any such acts. We will be discussing all proposed options at the next PPCA general meeting on Thursday October 20. Please contact me if you have any proposals that you'd like to have considered during this meeting, and come to this meeting to participate in the planning and realization of suitable security upgrades.

Danny Estrella

**Firehouse Playground
Cleanup and Maintenance
Sunday, Oct. 23 at 9am**

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Message from the President

Dear Friends and Neighbors,
The community just keeps on giving and sharing. We've received many, many compliments on how nice the Firehouse renovations are. Thanks again to all of you who contributed funds and time to make that happen. And the community turnout for the Chili and Chowder Cook-Off was terrific. The community came out again and helped at the beverage booth at the 31st Annual Pacific Coast FogFest. Breck Hitz, who organizes this fun event every year, reports that the volunteers were quick to help out wherever a hand was needed. Breck reports that the PPCA sold more beer, wine, water and sodas than previous years by far. We received a record breaking \$643 in tips alone. The PPCA will be sharing in the distribution of proceeds to non-profit organizations in a few weeks once the FogFest accounting is complete. Last year we earned over \$2000. This is a significant source of much needed funds to keep our community hall operating. So, thank you all for everything you do to keep our community thriving. I look forward to sharing the fellowship of this very special community at our next events. See you there.

Sincerely, Danny Estrella, President



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Pacificans Care Speakeasy Night

Pacificans Care's Speakeasy Night is November 4th - Early Bird Tickets Available

Join Pacificans Care for "Speakeasy Night" on Friday, November 4th when the Community Center is transformed into a "Roaring Twenties" evening of music, dancing, contests, auctions, games, great food and the famous "Speakeasy Special" drink. Purchasing your tickets before October 10 enters you in the Early Bird Drawing for one of two \$50 gift certificates.

"Proceeds from the Speakeasy Night support Pacifica social service agencies including the Youth Service Bureau, Pacifica Resource Center, Pacifica Senior Services and Pacifica Child Care. It's a win-win for everyone, especially the community," commented Bruce Banco, Chair of the Speakeasy Night gala. Pacificans Care served as fiscal agent for two PPCA projects including the playground build and the recent Operation Access ADA renovations to the restrooms and building access at the Firehouse.

This year's event includes music and opportunities to play fun table games, bid on fabulous trips, gift certificates and baskets at the silent auction, or join the live auction to win trips, special dinners, cases of gold-medal wines, a "Wine Walk" and the famous "Truffle Bar," all to support Pacifica's social service agencies.

Wear your favorite "flapper" or "mobster" outfit and be eligible to win the costume contest. Complimentary hors d'oeuvres and desserts will be available all evening along with beer, wine, our famous "Speakeasy Special" and bottled water for purchase.

Tickets are \$40 prior to the event and \$50 at the door and are available at Visions Seaside Spa, 1009 Terra Nova Blvd; Re/Max Properties at 450 Dondee Ave.; at the Community Center at 540 Crespi Drive, and the Pacifica Resource Center, 1809 Palmetto Ave. or visit www.pacificans-care.com to purchase tickets using PayPal. Tickets can also be purchased from Pedro Point residents and Pacificans Care board members Christine Stahl, Charlotte Jacobs and Ginny Jaquith.

For more information about Speakeasy Night and the great work that Pacificans Care does as Pacifica's community foundation, visit our website at www.pacificans-care.com or contact Bruce Banco at 650-355-4479 or Ginny Jaquith at 650-355-0805.

SAVE THE DATE

Progressive Dinner in March 2017, date to be determined, usually a Saturday night



Barbara Jaeger, 1921—2016

Barbara Jaeger, a longtime resident of Pedro Point, passed away on Aug. 25, 2016. She was 94. She was an open space activist and was a supporter of Coyote Point Museum and the Fitzgerald Marine Reserve. She was known for walking to the Linda Mar Safeway every day.

Firehouse Maintenance Report

by Danny Estrella

It's been a busy summer for rentals, so not much maintenance was done at the Firehouse. Andy Anderson installed new ADA-compliant door handles in the new restroom doors that were required by the City of Pacifica before we could obtain the final permit approval. We thought we already met that code. Cherie Chan Ferry is organizing a clean up of the landscaping for the playground, Sunday, Oct. 23 at 9am. There are a few things that need to be addressed and I'll schedule a work party date to tackle them. Stay tuned.

There is a continuing need to replace broken chairs and tables. Your donations to purchase new equipment are much appreciated and will be acknowledged. Please contact me, or Camille Keating, to arrange for donations to this expense. Danny at warnella@hotmail.com or Camille at PedroPtFirehouse@att.net, if you'd like to make a contribution.



Summary of PPCA Meeting Minutes July 21, 2016

Meeting called to order at 7:40pm by Danny Estrella. Board members present were Danny, Marcia Settel, Claire Ervin Lee, Barbara Lubben, Andy Narraway, and Breck Hitz.

There was no treasurer's report at this time.

Events Committee: Breck announced that the 2016 Fog Fest would be the last weekend in September, and we will need a lot of volunteers to staff the booth. Last year we made nearly \$2,000 for Firehouse maintenance at the Fog Fest, and Breck expects to do as well again this year.

Firehouse Committee: Danny reported that the blackout-curtain holders have been reinstalled, so the Firehouse is once again capable of becoming a movie theatre. Frank Lazzarri will reinstall all the sound panels that were taken down for the painting. Denny Delk has offered to contribute a patio umbrella to the Firehouse. Danny said that he will install (his) large speakers on either side of the movie screen. The Firehouse rental rates have been increased.

New business: We'd planned to discuss formal action regarding the City's GPU at this meeting, but Sam Casillas is away on business. It was moved, seconded, and approved that the subject be on the agenda of the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm

Join the Pedro Point Headlands Restoration Team!

Please mark your calendars and plan to join us for some habitat restoration work on the Pedro Point Headlands on Oct. 30th. With the continued management by the Pacifica Land Trust and work on the headlands by Go Native through the OHV (Off-Highway Vehicle) grant, we have a few priority tasks. Whether it is salvaging plants, planting seeds in our on-site nursery, restoring water bars, clearing the Arroyo channel, or even hunting down pampas grass, cotoneaster, and French broom that don't belong, whatever the task is, we will have fun and you can choose which one to do.

We meet at the Pedro Point Firehouse at 9:45 am and carpool up to the site. Long pants and long sleeves are recommended. We will hike and enjoy refreshments then return to the firehouse between 1 and 1:30 pm.

For more information go to www.pedropointheadlands.org or call us at 650-355-1668.

The first workday of 2017 will be on Sunday, January 29.



Ocean View, Photo by Lisa Warns

The Next Pedro Point Headlands Restoration

When: Sunday, October 30

Time: 9:45 am to 1:30 pm

Where: Meet at the Pedro Point Firehouse at 9:45 am to carpool to the worksite.

Plan to return to the Firehouse by 1 or 1:30 pm. Please wear sturdy shoes, work gloves, long sleeves and pants. We always have several projects to choose from so you can pick the difficulty level right for you.

Chili and Chowder Cook-Off Recap

Back by popular demand after a one-year hiatus, a new and improved Pacifica Chili & Chowder Cook-Off returned on August 14th to overwhelming success! Nearly 200 people packed the Firehouse for this 7th annual event to enjoy all-you-can-eat tastings while eight home chefs and four professional chefs competed for the title of Best Chili and Best Chowder in Pacifica.

Judges conducted a blind tasting to select winners in each category and guests were able to cast votes for a People's Choice Award. All contestants cooked up delicious dishes and we thank them all for their participation. Congratulations to the 2016 winners:

Chili Category:

Best Chili - professional chef: **OCEANA MARKET**

Best Chili - home chef: **DEBBIE LYNCH**

People's Choice Award: **PACIFICANS CARE**

Honorable Mention: A Grape In The Fog, The Surf Spot*, Terri Brown, Gary Helmling, Rose Henry-Perrin

Chowder Category:

Best Chowder - professional chef: **MOONRAKER**

Best Chowder - home chef: **FRANCES ROHWER**

People's Choice Award (chowder): **JANINE GALLIGANI**

Honorable Mention: The Surf Spot*, Claire Ervin Lee



Best Chili-Home Chef Debbie Lynch

Many thanks to our guest judges for their "hard work" tasting all the delicious entries, including Bruce Banco (*Pacificans Care*), Julie Finklang (*Pacifica Library*), Bob Fisher (*Pacifica Fire Dept.*), Deirdre Martin (*Pacifica Parks, Beaches and Recreation*), Mary Ann Nihart (*Pacifica City Council*), and Mike O'Neill (*Pacifica City Council*).

And a huge round of applause for the talented musicians and performers who entertained the crowd throughout the day, including Danny Estrella, Dan Shugar, Patrick Fahey, Sophia and Earthcapades (Heart and Lissen).

This event would not have been possible without the hard work of a dedicated event committee including Cherie Chan, Danny Estrella, Anne Evers, Bruce Ferry, Joanne Gold, Breck Hitz, Claire Ervin Lee, Kathy Long, Debbie Lynch, Andy Narraway, Marcia Settler and Kathleen Shugar. Plus the additional support of many friends and neighbors who helped on event day - many thanks to one and all.

Best of all, the event set a new fundraising record, generating more than \$2,400 to support the Pedro Point Firehouse Maintenance Fund. If you missed it this year, mark your calendars and plan to join us next August for the 8th Annual Chili-Chowder Cook-Off!

* We regret that The Surf Spot entries were not eligible for judging but appreciate their participation.



Chili and Chowder Cook-Off Packed the Firehouse, Photo by Breck Hitz

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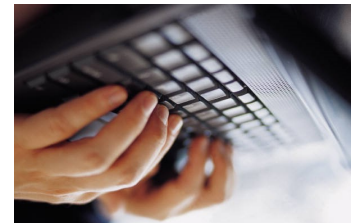
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Upcoming Events

- ⇒ PPCA General Meeting at the Firehouse, Thursday, Oct. 20, at 7:30pm
- ⇒ Playground Cleanup and Maintenance, Sunday, Oct. 23, at 9am
- ⇒ Potluck, Friday, Oct. 28, starting at 6:30pm
- ⇒ Pacificans Care Speakeasy Night, Friday, Nov. 4 from 7 to 11pm
- ⇒ Escape to the Headlands, Sunday, Nov. 27 from 10am to 2pm



Next Potluck at the Firehouse is Oct. 28, starting at 6:30pm

The next potluck at the Firehouse will be on Friday, Oct. 28 with a Halloween and fall harvest theme. Kids are welcome to come in costume.

Join your neighbors and be thankful that we live in a wonderful neighborhood...and this is a great opportunity to show off your Halloween and harvest recipes!

Watch your inbox for a detailed announcement. Potluck starts at 6:30pm. Our potlucks are fun and free! Everyone brings a dish to share.

- Last names A-H, bring a main dish
- I-R, side or appetizer
- S-Z, dessert

Good food, good conversation, live music, meet your neighbors, catch up on events, get involved in your community. **Would you like to help set up or clean up?** If so, please contact [Marcia Settel](mailto:MarciaSettel@gmail.com) at 650-355-8731; gilset1158@gmail.com



POTLUCK DINNER