


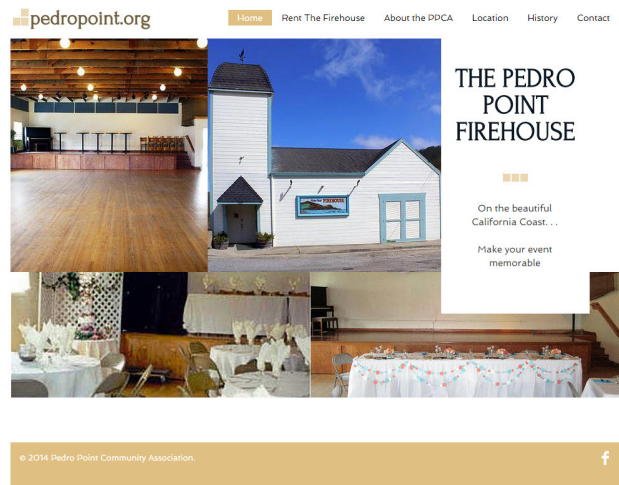
# To the Point

January—March 2015

## Newly Designed Website!

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

Check out the revamped PPCA website at: **[www.pedropoint.org](http://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!



**Agenda for the January 15, 2015  
PPCA Board Meeting,  
4th Quarter of 2014, 7:30pm**

- I. Call to Order and Roll Call
- II. Approval of October 16, 2014 Minutes
- III. Treasurer's Report: Balance Sheet, Income & Expenses through Dec. 31, 2014
- IV. Overview of Amendment to Articles of Incorporation
- V. Committee Updates
  - Firehouse Committee
  - Events Committee
  - Parents Group Committee
- VI. New Business
- VII. Adjournment

**Save the Date**  
**Saturday,**  
**Feb. 21, 2015**



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## Upcoming Events

- ♦ PPCA Board Meeting, Thursday, Jan. 15 at 7:30 pm
- ♦ Potluck, Friday, Jan. 16 at 6:30pm
- ♦ Pedro Point Headlands Restoration, Sunday, Jan. 25
- ♦ Progressive Dinner, Saturday, Feb. 21, more details to come.

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## President's Message

With the holiday season come and gone so quickly, it's almost hard to recall all the great things that took place in our neighborhood over the past few months; This past fall 2014, the Point saw the long-awaited opening of the new Devils Slide Taproom, which is fast becoming a real neighborhood hangout, as well as a draw for families throughout Pacifica and the greater Bay Area. It's great to see such a valuable economic resource join our Pedro Point community.

At the November Firehouse Potluck dinner, we welcomed several new neighbors, and also remembered a few we had lost (Matt Dorn, Jim Jefferson, Jim Vreeland and Yoshi Rolling), with several people taking the mike to share favorite stories and funny memories of these long-time Pedro Point residents.

The holiday season kicked off with the Pacifica Land Trust's "Charlie Brown Christmas Tree" event, with families and friends braving the wet weather to participate in this fun and environmentally friendly tradition in the Pedro Point Headlands. Soon to follow was the annual Madrigalli Market at the firehouse, which once again drew hundreds of community members and visitors from outside Pacifica to shop for unique and beautiful gifts hand-crafted by local and regional artisans.

Last but not least, the end of 2014 also saw the launch of our new and greatly improved Pedro Point website ([www.pedropoint.org](http://www.pedropoint.org)) -

you'll want to bookmark this one! The modern re-designed site includes beautiful photo galleries, tabs for easy navigation, PPCA newsletter archives, and a charming History section, highlighting both the Firehouse and PPCA's deep roots in the community. Many thanks to Anne Evers for her phenomenal work in creating this fabulous digital asset for our community! Looking ahead, here are a just a few highlights of what's in store from the PPCA in 2015:

- The launch of a formal fundraising campaign to support much needed infrastructure improvements at the firehouse, including renovations/upgrades to restrooms to make them ADA compliant, critical plumbing repairs and possible re-siding of the building.
- We'll also update everyone on new developments with the Pacifica General Plan Update and Land Use designations related to the Calson/Pedro Point field. As of this writing, the PPCA has not yet received any formal response to the comment letters submitted in July through our hired counsel.
- And of course, we'll be hosting more social gatherings, potlucks, community forums and events, including the upcoming Progressive Dinner on Feb. 21st.

Hope to see you there and I look forward to involving more neighbors in PPCA activities in 2015!

Cheers,

*Joanne Gold, President*

## FOG FEST FUNDRAISING

**By Breck Hitz** In early December, I attended the Fog Fest closing ceremonies at the Community Center. The highlight of the event was the distribution of checks to participating organizations. The PPCA check was for \$1,836.50 for the 2014 Fog Fest. That's up from \$1,400 for 2013 and \$1,000 in 2012. Plus the hundreds of dollars we collected in our tip jar, our total "take" for the day was over \$2,000, which will be a big help paying for the upgraded restrooms at the Firehouse. Once again, I want to express my appreciation to all the folks who helped at the Fog Fest beverage booth. We all had a great time and made a nice contribution to the improvements at the Firehouse. I'm looking forward to doing it again next year.



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## Charlie Brown Trees Find Homes, Kids Have Fun!

by Lynn Adams

The winter tradition of hiking the wild lands of Pacifica for a Charlie Brown tree came true for many families despite the heavy rain and nasty weather forecasts that were predicted for the Pacifica Land Trust's annual Charlie Brown Tree/Wreath holiday event. In fact, the dreary skies opened up and turned blue and the views out over the ocean turned about as crisp and beautiful as they have ever been seen before!

Dozens of children with their families hiked the Pedro Point Headlands and returned with just the perfect tree, smiles, and memories that just may last a lifetime! Removing the trees are just a small part of the efforts to restore the Pedro Point Headlands habitat and preserve the special coastal ecosystems that are special to this 248-acre property above our very own Pedro Point Community.

A number of volunteers showed up days earlier for the planting portion of the Charlie Brown tree event. Nearly 70 native plants found homes near the staging area before the rains began, thanks to the early bird team. The wreath-making portion of the day was unfortunately canceled.

The Pedro Point Headlands is more easily accessible now from the Devils Slide parking area just north of the tunnel. There is a paved path into the headlands across the street from the first parking area which now connects the 1.3 mile Devil's Slide Trail to the unpaved 2 miles of trails in the headlands.



Did you miss getting your Charlie Brown tree? Mark your calendars for next year's event on the Sunday of Thanksgiving weekend. Don't miss the magic of the headlands. With the improved parking options, you can take time to hike this property and discover the views, the weather, and the amazing ever-changing feel of the coast anytime you like. And don't forget your camera!



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## Firehouse Maintenance Report

by Danny Estrella

The firehouse restroom restoration committee met and discussed restoration design and plans, bids, need for permits, fixture-shopping list and time line. Some very creative ideas to maintain the coastal theme are included in the design. It was decided that it would be too ambitious to schedule the work for February 2015. But we'll move forward with the plans, permits and fixture shopping. We are still looking for bids for the plumbing and restroom remodel and would appreciate any references for this work. Also, if you can help us get good pricing for bathroom fixtures (ADA-compliant toilet, waterless urinal, sinks, paper towel dispensers, etc.) please contact us. We recognized that we're going to need to do some fundraising to cover the costs for this project. So fund raising is being discussed.

One thing that was decided was the type of floor that will go into the restrooms. Andy suggested installing a 'penny floor'. We'll create tiles with actual pennies, creating patterns using the shiny and dull penny sides, as well as include dimes and other coins to create interesting patterns in the floor. 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. The Firehouse was built, and is maintained, by volunteers. Continuing in that spirit, local electrician John Peterson and his crew donated their time to complete the installation of the new track lighting over the bar. They also installed lighting for the playground so the playground can be used during the dark months. There is a continuing need to replace broken chairs and tables. Your donations to purchase new equipment are always welcomed. There's lots of unused items and trash that will be removed during the next work party, which is yet to be scheduled.

## PPCA Board Meeting Minutes—Oct. 16, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 pm on Oct. 16, 2014 by Vice President Marcia Settlet. In addition to Marcia, these board members were present: Andy Anderson, Breck Hitz, Sam Casillas, Claire Ervin Lee and Danny Estrella. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as they appear in the previous issue of the newsletter. Substituting for Bruce Ferry, who was unable to attend, I gave the Treasurer's report. PPCA currently has a cash balance in excess of \$28,000. At least \$5,000 should be kept in reserve, so that leaves about \$23,000 to address renovating the rest rooms and other projects. It was moved, seconded, and approved that the Treasurer's report be accepted. President Joanne Gold, who had been detained at work, arrived and presided over the remainder of the meeting.

### Events Committee:

Speaking for the Events Committee, Marcia announced that the Movable Feast would be held in February, exact date to be announced. The next Potluck will be Friday evening, November 14. The potential dinner at Toast Catering (located where Barolo used to be) has not materialized because it would be too expensive.

I announced that the Fog Fest had collected over \$330 in the tip jar. Additionally, I had high hopes that our share of the overall Fog Fest proceeds would be at least \$1,400, bringing the total to over \$1,700.

There's a new wine store in the Linda Mar Shopping Center, and the proprietor is interested in participating in a fund-raising event with PPCA. It might be a wine tasting held at the Firehouse, with the shop providing the wines and commentary. Anne Hitz and I agreed to follow up with the shop.

### Firehouse Committee:

Danny reported for the Firehouse committee that the main focus now is renovating the rest rooms. Andy explained that he had contacted two contractors to look at the rooms and get back to us with an estimate. Those estimates will be available in the coming days. Andy himself guesstimated that the renovation will run into the high thirty thousands of dollars (against which we have \$23,000, according to the Treasurer's report). With the plumbing from the kitchenette and bathrooms exposed by the drywall removal downstairs, it's obvious that the patchwork repairs during the past decades have not resulted in efficient plumbing. The drainpipes often slope downward at too small an angle, and have far too many sharp turns for efficient drainage. Danny has put together a good collection of sales data for ADA-compliant (and non-) bathroom fixtures. It was agreed that it would probably be

more cost efficient for PPCA to purchase the various building supplies and make them available to the contractor, than to have the contractor make the purchases himself.

Once Andy has estimates from the contractors, Danny will circulate a Doodle survey to find a date when we can meet and decide on next steps.

### New Business:

Sam suggested that a moment be set aside at the November 14 potluck in remembrance of Matt Dorn, who passed away earlier this week. The suggestion was accepted by consensus.

Joanne raised the possibility of a forum for new City Council members at the Firehouse after the election. It was moved, seconded, and approved that such a forum be encouraged.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 pm.

*Respectfully submitted - Breck Hitz, Secretary*

## Dinner on the Point is Happening!

Saturday, Feb. 21, 2015 from 5:30-9:30 pm

Enjoy a delicious 3-course progressive dinner without having to leave the Point! Appetizers will be at one location, then dinner entrees at another and then finally meet for dessert at the final neighborhood destination. Meet new neighbors, feast on good food and taste fine wines for a good cause - this fundraiser will help pay for the new ADA-compliant Firehouse bathrooms.

### \$35 per person/\$15 for dessert only

We may still need a few more hosts if you're interested in showing off your cooking skills and hospitality.

For more info or to volunteer or register, contact Marcia Settlet at [gilset1158@gmail.com](mailto:gilset1158@gmail.com) or 650-355-8731



## EASTER EGG HUNT

April 5, 2015

The annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held this year 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 to 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](mailto:pedropointparents@yahoo.com).



# Pedro Point Headlands Restoration

Please mark your calendars and plan to join us for some habitat restoration:

## 2015 Schedule

January 25

February 22

March 29

April 26

May 24

June 28

July 26

August 30

Sept 20

October 25

November 29 - Charlie Brown event



Young and old are invited to join us for a variety of tasks that vary with the season.

Meet at the Pedro Point Firehouse, 1227 Danmann Ave, Pacifica, CA at 9:45 am to carpool to the work site. We return around 1 pm.

Tools and snacks are provided. Highly recommended to wear sturdy shoes, long sleeves and long pants.



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## **Upcoming Beach Cleanups**

Visit [www.pacificabeachcoalition.org](http://www.pacificabeachcoalition.org)  
for more information and more dates

Scheduled from 9 - 11 am

**Jan. 17** - Linda Mar State Beach  
(meet by seawall just north of Taco  
Bell)

**Feb. 21** - Tsunami Debris Cleanup  
at Linda Mar Beach

## **GET DIRTY, DO GOOD**

Want to get your hands dirty and make a difference in the environment? Want to learn more about native plants and the ecosystem of our coast? Want to get away from the cars, the streets, and the electronics? Then plan to join our team of stewards as we take to the dirt paths of the Pedro Point Headlands with shovels, mattocks, pruners, or even our bare (but usually gloved) hands to restore slides, reduce erosion, minimize invasive plants, give native plants new homes, and tackle whatever project nature throws our way!

Our work is funded by the CA Coastal Conservancy, organized by the Pacifica Land Trust and supported by the PPCA.

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. As we head into our 5th year of stewardship, we have a lot of projects that we look back on proudly but nothing would make us happier than to meet you and share these joys with you!

Please meet at the Pedro Point Firehouse on Danmann Ave at 9:45 am. From here we will load up the tools and carpool up to the site. We plan to return to the Firehouse around 1 pm each work day.

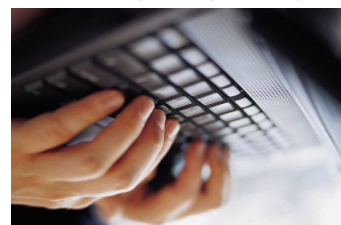
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Pedro Point Neighbor

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Mary Ellen Carroll  
at 280 San Pedro Rd.  
Shugar family  
at 249 Kent Rd.

### New Neighbors

We're on the web at:  
[www.pedropoint.org](http://www.pedropoint.org)



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[www.pedropoint.org](http://www.pedropoint.org)  
for more info!

## The Next Potluck—Friday, January 16 - 6:30 pm

The next potluck at the Firehouse will be on Friday, January 16. 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? Contact Marcia Sette/650-355-8731; [gilset1158@gmail.com](mailto:gilset1158@gmail.com)