

To the Point

January - March 2016

Dinner on the Point Save the Date for Saturday, Feb. 20

Back by popular demand, the Pedro Point progressive dinner is planned for **Sat. February 20**, from 5:30 to 9:30 pm. Enjoy a delicious 3-course dinner without having to leave the Point! Appetizers will be at one location, then dinner entrees at another and then meet for dessert at the final neighborhood destination. Meet new neighbors, feast on good food and taste fine wines. \$40 per person, \$15 for dessert only, benefits the Firehouse restroom renovation.

Interested in hosting? Want to reserve a spot? Please call Marcia at 650-355-8731 or email her at gilset1158@gmail.com



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Upcoming Events

- ◆ **PPCA General Meeting, Thursday, Jan. 21 at 7:30 pm**
- ◆ **Pedro Point Headlands Restoration, Sunday, Jan. 31**
- ◆ **Dinner on the Point, Sat, Feb. 20, from 5:30-9:30pm**

Agenda for the Jan. 21, 2016 PPCA Meeting, 7:30 pm 4th Quarter of 2015

- I. Call to Order and Roll Call
- II. Approval of Oct. 15, 2015 Minutes
- III. Seating of the New Board and Selection of Officers
- IV. Treasurer's Report: Balance Sheet, Income & Expenses through Dec. 31, 2015
- V. Committee Updates
 - Firehouse Committee
 - Events Committee
 - Operation Access Finance Committee
- VI. New Business
- VII. Adjournment

Nominations for PPCA Board:

- Andy Anderson
- Mary Ellen Carroll
- Sam Casillas
- Claire Ervin Lee
- Danny Estrella
- Bruce Ferry
- Joanne Gold
- Breck Hitz
- Camille Keating
- Barbara Lubben
- Marcia Settler



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Message from the Vice President

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

By the time you receive this newsletter, another year will have come to an end and a new one will have begun. This year of 2016 will mark my 30th year of living on Pedro Point. It took at least 5 years until I was no longer referred to as a newcomer, and for my home to no longer be called by a prior owner's name ("Oh, you live in the Jaeger house.")

The Point has changed significantly since we moved in. At least 8 houses have been built on Olympian Way alone. The top part of Grand Avenue is now home to six families, and new homes were built along the waterfront on Kent Road. The houses are larger, the cars a little fancier. Many families with young children live here now, something that my-then three-year-old would have loved. There is a traffic light for entrance onto Hwy. 1 instead of the former treacherous stop sign in front of the Ace Hardware.

But other things have changed very little from 1986. Some of our wonderful neighbors are still here, living well into their 90's. Our streets are still a disastrous collection of pot holes. The fate of the open space on San Pedro

Avenue is still unresolved. There is still no road into Shelter Cove. And the Firehouse has remained a physical focal point for our sense of community. The Firehouse itself has changed over the years. We are no longer discussing a possible sale, something that was a strong possibility right before I moved here. We have a beautiful playground behind the structure. The building has been painted, both inside and out, and the lighting improved. It is regularly rented for classes and parties. Also, 2016 marks a new chapter in the Firehouse's life. Work is underway to (finally!) fix the problematic plumbing and upgrade the restrooms. They will be accessible to wheelchair-users and nursing mothers. This could not happen without the generosity of the Pedro Point community; I want to thank all of you who opened your wallets and chipped in. There will still be work that needs to be done after the restrooms are completed, and we will schedule community painting days to make the building shine. And of course, a blow-out party for everyone when the work is finished. I don't know if I will still be living on the Point for another 30 years, but it's nice to know the Firehouse and the community will still be here.

Sincerely, Marcia Settel, Vice President



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Thank You John Peterson!

John Peterson, a local electrician on Pedro Point, has donated his electrical services as part of the Firehouse restroom renovation. His business, Peterson Power and Light, will make sure we can see where we're going in our new restrooms!



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Firehouse Restroom Renovation

In case you haven't heard, the restrooms in the Firehouse are being updated. When the repairs are finished, the restrooms will be ADA-compliant so that our beautiful facility can be used by all.



If you are willing to help us with our restroom fundraising campaign, Operation Access, please go to www.pedropoint.org to make a contribution or contact Joanne Gold at joannegold@yahoo.com. Our goal is \$50,000. Our friends at **Pacificans Care** have agreed to act as fiscal sponsor for the repair of the Pedro Point Firehouse restrooms. By becoming our sponsor, PPCA can take advantage of Pacificans Care's 501(c)(3) status and any donations we receive are tax-deductible for our donors!

And something real simple you can do right now: If you are on Facebook, please like the Pedro Point Firehouse and share it with your friends.

Amount raised as of this publication date: \$14,500 in donations, \$2,500 grant money and \$30,000 in our treasury. We are almost at our goal!

Save the Date - Dinner on the Point is February 20th!

Firehouse Maintenance Report by Danny Estrella

Firehouse Restroom Renovation Update

Currently, the primary focus of Firehouse maintenance is the renovation of the restrooms. The restrooms will be renovated to meet the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). This work will include replacing the waste plumbing for both the men's and women's restrooms. The walls, floors and fixtures will all be replaced as well. The plan has received approval by the City of Pacifica Planning Department. Demolition of the existing facilities was expected to begin at the end of December with new construction to begin in early January 2016. We've identified a contractor, Lawton Smith, to do the majority of the work. PPCA volunteers will do the demolition work. John Peterson, has again volunteered his time to do the electrical work as he has for several electrical upgrades to the Firehouse in the past. PPCA volunteers will do the creation of the penny tiles that will become the penny floor.



Request for Donations for Replacement Chairs and Tables

There is a continuing need to replace broken chairs and tables used at the Firehouse. Your donations to purchase new equipment are much appreciated and will be acknowledged.

Fog Fest Fundraising

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 \$2,077 for the 2015 Fog Fest. That's more than \$240 from 2014. Plus, we collected \$500 in our tip jar so our total "take" for the day was \$2,577, which will be a big help paying for the restroom renovation at the Firehouse. Once again, I want to express my appreciation to all of the volunteers who helped at the Fog Fest beverage booth. We had a great time. I'm looking forward to doing it again this September. Hope you can join us!

~ Danny Estrella



Aerial View of the Firehouse from Pedro Point Headlands
Photo by Lisa Warns

Summary of PPCA Meeting Minutes October 15, 2015

Highlights of the October PPCA meeting

The treasurer's report summarized the organization's financial position: we have a bank balance in excess of \$40,000 after a year of healthy rental income averaging over \$2,000 per month. Bruce Ferry, the treasurer, believes we should hold back \$10,000 for future expenses, but the remaining \$30,000 can be dedicated to refurbishing the restrooms.

Reporting for the Firehouse Committee, Danny Estrella said the final plans for the restroom restoration had been submitted to the City, and we are waiting for a response. Construction is planned from Christmas until February 29, 2016, with the first week of March available if necessary. Andy Anderson, a member of the committee, reported that a structural engineer would do a brief, informal inspection to identify if any serious structural problems exist that might need immediate attention. If there are no catastrophic structural problems, we will proceed with the restroom renovations. A contractor for the renovation will be hired on a time & materials basis, so we can make decisions about repairs on a real-time basis.

Danny and Camille Keating will investigate portable toilet rentals for functions that will be held at the Firehouse during renovations.

Danny noted that the floors need refinishing, and that that would cost about \$1,800.

Note: The full minutes of the meeting are at http://media.wix.com/ugd/7be690_8bc941aaefe940df945ad776ef8f640d.pdf



View to the North from the Pedro Point Headlands
Photo by Lisa Warns



Mt. Tamalpais from the Pedro Point Headlands
Photo by Lisa Warns

Classes at the Firehouse

Zumba - Mondays and Wednesdays

6:30-7:30pm

It's not a workout, it's a party!!!



FLY & OM Yoga - FLY (First Love You) is a life coaching workshop combined with OM Yoga. Make positive changes in your life with the mind-body connection. Held on Tuesday evenings, 6:30pm.



OM Yoga—Thursday evenings at 6:30pm.
Drop in with donation-based fee.



EASTER EGG HUNT, March 27

The annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Sunday, March 27. 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 and enjoy watching our neighborhood children hunt for eggs.

Pedro Point Headlands News

Join the Headlands Restoration Team!

Our first workday of the new year will be January 31st, 2016. Old, young, and everyone in between are encouraged to help out! We have fun, we learn and we make a difference, so please join us. We meet at the Firehouse at 9:45am and usually return around 1pm. There are always multiple projects to choose from to match your interests and abilities. As we head into 2016, we expect to do more plant recovery and propagation and eventually do plantings to help the OHV grant work that is set to begin. Be a part of something special. Join us when you can, see schedule below. If you would like more information go to www.pedropointheadlands.org or contact volunteer coordinator, Lynn Adams at: lynn4promos@aol.com



2016 Planned Workdays

January 31, February 28, March 20

April 24, May 22, June 26

July 31, August 28, September 18, October 30

And save the date for November 27 for another “Escape to the Headlands” hike!

Celebrating 6 years of Stewardship at the Pedro Point Headlands

by Lynn Adams



In January of 2010 the Pacifica Land Trust held its first Coastal Conservancy sponsored stewardship event on the headlands. Twenty volunteers eagerly hiked to the North Ridge above Grand Avenue and set to work removing Pampas Grass, French Broom, and non-native Monterey Pines. At the end of the day, our first stewardship location was transformed with native plants, grateful for the prospect of more water and nutrients. Our volunteers stood proud, happy, and even a little giddy with joy from the accomplishment and work outside in nature. That first workday had most of those volunteers hooked. Now just 6 years later many of them still participate in the monthly workdays because each one is fun and exciting and working outside together as a team is just plain amazing!

When our work started, wild trails and offshoots trampled plants trying to grow and confused the weekend hiker. Uncertain of which trail to take, many hikers trudged on only to find themselves facing a wall of coastal shrubs and no exit. Now, visitors find a clearly defined trail system with signs, widened trails mostly free of invasive plants and often, other people hiking to some of the most beautiful vistas in the Bay Area.

Six years of volunteer fun led to discoveries of hidden slides, Dusky-Footed Wood Rat nests, downed trees blown by the wind, mountain lion kills, rare plants, birds in the bushes, and truly special friendships.

Over 6,500 volunteer hours have resulted in maintained trails, pristine coastal scrub land, planted slide areas, restored erosion slopes, bird and native plant hikes, Charlie Brown tree events, a successful “Escape to the Headlands” hike and a pretty weed-free Pedro Point Headland property.

Many thanks go to the Pacifica Land Trust for organizing the stewardship program, the Coastal Conservancy for financing this work and to the Pedro Point Community Association for providing treats and support along the way! And of course a HUGE thank you to the many volunteers who join the efforts and make lasting improvements every workday.

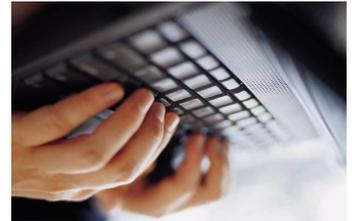


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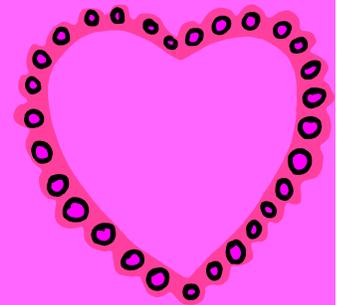
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- ◆ Tentative date for next potluck is March 18. We are also planning a grand opening of the new Firehouse restrooms. Stay tuned...

Join the Events Planning Committee

The Pedro Point Community Association Event Committee needs your ideas, creativity and a little of your time to plan and put on events. We need planners for events in 2016 and beyond that would be fun for all ages - movies, spaghetti feed, pancake breakfast, chili cook-off, etc. and we'd love to see Pedro Point parents involved to make events enjoyable for the kids. The committee meets once a month. If you are interested, please contact Marcia with the Events Committee at: gilset1158@gmail.com



Successful Film Event: History of the Pedro Point Firehouse

On December 6, the PPCA showed the Pacifica Footprints documentary, "The History of the Pedro Point Firehouse" at the Firehouse. This film, made by local filmmakers Robert Twigg and Steve Brown, and produced by Kathleen Manning and the Pacifica Historical Society, relates the history of the coming together of the Pedro Point community to fund and build the Firehouse in the late 1940s to early 1950s. The film features Robert Keating, who grew up on the Point in the 1940s and 1950s during the time of the Firehouse construction, telling colorful stories of the people who volunteered their money, time and efforts to create the volunteer fire department that served Linda Mar Valley and Pedro Point. The film includes original home movies of the clearing of the lot and the fire truck driving around the Point. This is quite a good film and the film showing was a big success. We even had a large turnout by the Pacifica Fire Department. We would like to thank the Pacifica Historical Society for their support and allowing us to show this film. Copies of the film can be purchased at the museum gift shop in the Little Brown Church on Francisco Blvd. We hope to show the film again at the grand opening celebration following completion of the restroom renovation project.

~ Danny Estrella