

To the Point

Newsletter of the Pedro Point Community Association

4th of July BBQ This Sunday!

4th of July BBQ at the Firehouse

Sunday, July 4, starting at 5pm

Join us in celebrating the 4th of July (Sunday) with a potluck and BBQ at the Firehouse. Come meet your neighbors (again)! We will have the BBQs fired up and wine, beer, water and coffee will be available. Please bring a dish to share (see below), and plates/utensils.

If your last name begins with:

A-H: bring a main dish

I-R: appetizer or side dish

S-Z: dessert

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**Congratulations
2021 Graduates!**

Agenda for the July 15, 2021 PPCA Meeting

- I. Call to Order and Roll Call
- II. Approval of April 15, 2021 Minutes
- III. Treasurer's Report: Balance Sheet, Income & Expenses through June 30, 2021
- IV. Committee Updates
 1. Firehouse Committee
 2. Event Committee
- V. Open board of directors positions, recruitment, and the future of the firehouse
- VI. New Business:
 1. Discuss offering the firehouse for Senior Services uses (proposed)
 2. Other
- VII. Adjournment

PPCA General Community Meeting IN PERSON!

Time: July 15, 2021 at 7:30 PM

At the Pedro Point Firehouse

Also, phone-in Zoom call (no video) is available:

DIAL IN: 1-669-900-6833

Meeting ID: 815 6687 6819

Passcode: 306715

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Message from the PPCA President

Dear Pedro Point Neighbors,
It's summer! And it's my great pleasure to be able to start a president's message at long last with something other than an update on Covid-19, shelter-in place orders or continued social distancing. Our county and region has just opened up, and although not everyone has been able to (or chosen to) get vaccinated, we're now free to resume our "normal" lives on the Point and enjoy each other's company in person once again. And what a better time to do so; the days are long, the weather's warm (ish) and plants are in bloom. And I'm happy to announce we're opening up the firehouse, too! That's right, despite the conveniences of Zoom, we've all missed having the chance to meet face to face (and not need a login to connect). So I really hope you'll come down to the firehouse for our July 4th potluck and BBQ (5 pm) and/or our PPCA general meeting on July 15th at 7:30 pm. If you're new to the Point or just have never attended a potluck or meeting, please come down and say hello – even if it's for just a few minutes. We'd love to see you!

Sincerely, Joanne Gold, President

Carol is Leaving Pedro Point

I would like to bid a fond farewell to Carola "Carol" Matyus as she is moving from her Pedro Point home to Washington State where she can live closer to her daughter, Sandy.

Carola has been a longtime neighbor on the point. We will miss seeing her on her many daily walks, and will miss sharing smiles, hugs, and bits of wisdom! Good luck on your new adventure! ~ Camille Keating



Friendly Reminder

Please help keep the Firehouse Playground clean by taking all your trash with you.

Thank you, Pedro Point
Community Association



Firehouse and Pedro Valley History on the PPCA Website

We are pleased to announce that we have added new historical content on the Pedro Point website. First, we added an excellent video production on the History of Pedro Valley. It includes the Firehouse and vintage surfing. Dick Keating is featured in the video. To view the video, look on the **History** page of our website in the **Deep Roots** section, click on **View**:

<https://onedrive.live.com/?authkey=%21AO%2DfSueF%5FxltdJo&id=671FB237929CCD8D%218947&cid=671FB237929CCD8D>

Special thanks: the video is courtesy of the Pacifica Historical Society and Kathleen Manning.

Second, we added four historical photo galleries to the main page of our website. History of Pedro Valley, Ocean Shore Railroad, the Firehouse and vintage Surfing. To view the historical photos, go to the **Home Page**, **New Vintage Photo Gallery**:

<https://www.pedropoint.org/firehouse-vintage-photos4>

The photo gallery was assembled by Leo Leon from sources he has collected. Leo continues to research and edit his finds. He will add more content to the website in the future. Thanks to Leo Leon for the photos and Anne Evers for website assistance with page layout and format.



Preserve the Pedro Point Firehouse Through a Planned Gift...

Built by neighborhood volunteers between 1947 - 1953, the historic Pedro Point Firehouse has served as a heart of our community for generations. Over the years, the firehouse has been home to countless events and activities, which have helped to foster a truly unique sense of community spirit.

You can make a lasting impact and ensure that the legacy of the firehouse will be enjoyed by future generations by making a planned gift to the Pedro Point Community Association Firehouse Maintenance Fund today. Some planned gifts, such as a bequest through your will, require no current outlay of funds at all. Please consult your financial planner or legal counsel if you'd like to consider including the PPCA Firehouse in your estate plans and help preserve the Firehouse as our local treasure. Contact Joanne Gold at 650-270-8574. Thank you!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY Newsletter Editor

The Pedro Point Community Association is looking for someone to produce and edit the neighborhood newsletter, *To the Point*. If you have an eye for detail, are a good writer and editor, are proficient in a desktop publishing program and are comfortable with the Internet and social media for posting, downloading, etc., please contact

Lisa Warns at: lawarns114@gmail.com.



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The Firehouse Update by Danny Estrella

I am pleased to report that Ed Gold will take over the role of Firehouse Liaison/House Manager, which I have been doing for many years now. We're in good hands with Ed as he has a lifetime of experience in home maintenance and life experience, with lots of great stories to tell. Ed is taking over because Lisa and I will be moving to Portugal in September for a year of foreign adventure.



On Saturday April 24, in coordination with local Earth Day activities, we had a crew of volunteers who did a great job of clearing out the overgrown vegetation and sprucing up the landscaping in the Firehouse playground and along Kent Road. I want to thank Joanne and Ed Gold, Rebecca Smith-Coggins, Breck Hitz, Marcia Settel, Leo Leon and Kris Geiger, Cherie Chan, Kathy Long, Camille and Shoana Keating, Allison West, Cliff Knollenberg and Lisa Warns. I apologize if I did not include everyone who helped as I had my focus on grass and vine trimming for most of the morning.

- With the Firehouse open only for limited for rentals during the pandemic, efforts to move forward with the re-siding of the Firehouse are on hold until we are assured of obtaining revenue from event rentals. We do not have enough cash reserves to pay for the siding so we need to have income from the rentals.
- We still need to replace some tables and chairs. Please consider making a donation to the tables and chairs replacement fund. A \$90 donation will buy a 4-pack of comfortable folding chairs and \$370 will buy a 4-pack of tables. Any donation amount will be gratefully accepted and go towards the purchase of tables and chairs.
- A big thank you and much appreciation to Leo Leon for generously donating 4 air purifiers to the Firehouse! The air purifiers can catch particles as small as viruses. And many thanks to Danny and Leo, who installed the purifiers in March.
- Thank you Camille! She installed two motion sensor hand sanitizer stations inside the Firehouse. One more step towards getting back together safely!

Playground Spruce Up

The Pedro Point community, and friends of the playground would like to thank Ryan Doleschal from Precision Tree Care for generously donating his time and labor to navigate his excavator and help load the Firehouse playground with 24 yards of fresh wood chips!! Ryan no longer lives on the point, but was instrumental in donating and contributing to our initial playground build, as well as always being a helpful neighbor!

Ryan and Alyssa have recently welcomed twin boys to their family, (Congratulations!!) so their precious time contribution is especially generous and appreciated! Thank you Doleschal family!

We also owe a big thank you to Tommy Rice from Rice Trucking and Soil Farm HMB for a thoughtful discount on materials that is much appreciated.

I shoveled and raked the 24 yards into place with the help from the Hoover family. The playground is looking much happier with this healthy buffer!

~ Camille Keating



Firehouse Rentals

The Firehouse is now open for business, subject to county and state COVID rules. There is a demand for Firehouse rentals for parties, memorials, etc. If you are interested in having an event there, call Firehouse Manager Camille Keating at 650-355-4726 or email her at PedroPtFirehouse@att.net Also, check out the Pedro Point website, pedropoint.org for more info and to check availability.

Summary of PPCA Meeting Minutes - April 15, 2021

I. Call to Order and Roll Call—Joanne Gold called meeting to order at 7:30pm, online. Present: Joanne, Allison West, Chloe Wixsom, Breck Hitz, Cherie Chan, Marcia Settel, Sam Casillas, Camille Keating, Danny Estrella, Leo Leon, Rebecca Smith-Coggins

II. Approval of January 21, 2021 Minutes—Breck moved, Marcia seconded to approve

III. Treasurer's Report Balance Sheet, Income & Expenses through 6/30/21

There was a login issue with QuickBooks, which prevented download of the current report. This has not been an eventful quarter due to the Covid-related decrease in rentals. Expenditures were approximately \$1000.

IV. Committee Updates

Firehouse Committee

- Filters: Thank you Leo for donation of the high-volume air filters. Anne will incorporate air filter details into Firehouse Rental page.
- Trash: There has been a lot of trash lately. Camille contacted Recology regarding their obligation to pick up the trash in front of the Firehouse. Recology noted that emptying the trash can in front of the Firehouse is now within the responsibility of Public Works. Camille is now in discussions with Public Works to see if they will collect trash near the playground, as well as near the Coastal Access point at the Pedro Point Field.
- A number of teenagers have been lingering around the Playground causing damage. Please encourage your teenagers and adults to move along if they are lingering and do not have children.
- Earth Day: Chris Porter will have two cans deposited for Earth Day.
- Camille will contact Councilmember Beckmeyer about the ongoing trash issues from Pedro Point Shopping Center.
- Camille will look into costs of WiFi.
- Motion to approve Firehouse expenditure for three wall-mounted hand sanitizers, (<\$200 total), Wood Chips (<\$1200), and a sign (<\$25). Unanimously approved.

Event Committee

- Events Committee met. At this moment, 59.2% of residents aged 16+ have had one COVID-19 vaccine, it is time to plan for the potential of limited events as vaccination numbers increase, and to align with San Mateo County Public Health Guidance.
- First Event: Mostly outdoors (weather dependent) Outdoor potluck May 16 at 5 pm and July 4th at 5pm. Hot dogs, Danny's Music, Beers to Go?
- Chloe will look into contactless payment infrastructure. Will put together an overview of the different options in order of preference for next meeting. Will work with Christine Stahl to identify new neighbors to drop off a flyer, say hello. Will work towards more outdoor events.
- Newsletter Ideas: Business Interviews, San Pedro recipes again, kids' photography, community news, kids' submissions, family interviews
- We're sad we're not bringing the Chili Cookoff to you in 2021, but look forward to continuing in 2022!
- Pedro Point History is interested in linking with the Pacifica Historical Society.

Planning and Development Update

Updates were provided on the status of a new three-building three-story development at 505 San Pedro, which was rejected by the California Coastal Commission. The report is available here:

<https://documents.coastal.ca.gov/reports/2021/3/F16a/F16a-3-2021-report.pdf>

Communications and Marketing Strategy/Branding Committee

Leo, Anne, Breck, Chloe, and Camille volunteered. Danny will ask a neighbor who makes logos for help. Camille will check with another friend with experience in graphic design.

V. New Business

Outreach: We will no longer be printing paper copies of the newsletter.

Marcia put postcards in the boxes of every single person who still receives a paper copy of the newsletter, and only one person wanted one.

Breck has registered the Firehouse as a Red Cross Disaster Preparedness Site.

Chloe will help with Social Media

VI. Adjournment: 9:13 pm

New Developments on the Point:

Many neighbors have seen the digging and drilling equipment on the site of the former llama farm on Danmann Ave. and have wondered what is being developed. According to City Planning Commission documents, a single-family home has been approved on part of old llama farm property at 277 Kent Road and is currently being built. Another structure has been proposed for the eastern part of the lot at 1300 Danmann Ave. that is mixed-use: six apartment units plus commercial space has been proposed. Prior litigation on the property involved potentially decreasing the size of the structure. Current status of the project is that the plans have been appealed to the Coastal Commission due to the project being in a hazard zone and its vulnerability to bluff erosion.



Art at the Beach

Have you seen the new south-facing mural on the restroom building at Pacifica State Beach? It is part of a series of murals that will cover each side of the building. For more info, visit the Pacifica Mural Project at: Pacifcamurals.com



And there is more! Be sure to check out the ocean and beach wildlife “totem” poles at Pacifica State Beach. Sheila Gamble-Dorn, other artists and many students and families from Ocean Shore School have made animal art to inspire us to be aware of the creatures that inhabit the ocean and Planet Earth with us. Thanks to the City of Pacifica Public Works for “planting” the poles. Thanks to Parks, Beaches and Recreation Commissioner Cindy Abbott for the beach art tour!



Upcoming Events

- ♦ 4th of July Potluck and BBQ at the Firehouse, Sunday, July 4, starting at 5pm
- ♦ PPCA General Meeting, Thursday, July 15, 2021 at 7:30pm, at the Firehouse or call in on Zoom (no video). See front page.



We hope to see you in the future when events at the Pedro Point Firehouse resume. If you are interested in planning future Firehouse events, such as the Chili and Chowder Cook-Off, pub nights, potlucks, etc., we always appreciate help from our neighbors. Contact Marcia Settel at: gilset1158@gmail.com

