



I'm honored and excited to begin my term as president of the PRNC and hope to serve you well. Please feel free to contact me with ideas and suggestions.  
Margaret

### **George Coles Honored**

On May 7 in City Council Chambers, longtime PRNC member, George Coles received a Historic Preservation Award from the Richmond Historic Preservation Commission for "Preserving the History of Richmond and for Being an Inspirational Educator." The award honored George for, among other accomplishments, his work with generations of students researching and disseminating the anthropological history of the original inhabitants of our city. George continues his work today as one of the most important volunteers preserving our Red Oak Victory Ship. Congratulations George!

### **Membership Meeting, Wednesday May 30: Talk with City Manager Bill Lindsay and Finance Director, Jim Goines**

Our May meeting will be an opportunity for you to hear about and provide input for the City's 2012-2013 budget. City manager, Bill Lindsay and finance director, Jim Goines will report on the proposed 2012/2013 budget and engage in conversations about the budget to understand our concerns, priorities and suggestions for the city. Come with city related questions. If Mr. Lindsay or Mr. Goines are not able to answer questions they will make sure that we receive answers.

### **Point Richmond Farmer's Market**

The Point Richmond Farmer's Market is in full swing every Wednesday from 4P to 7P. Among the new goodies this year are excellent cheeses, bread from Grace Bakery, new desserts, artisan salsas, vegan foods, as well as wonderful papusas. Come to get your produce and enjoy excellent street foods for dinner. The Point Richmond Neighborhood Council is hosting a booth on May 30 and June 27. We are looking for a couple of volunteers who would like to help staff the booth on June 27 and visit with neighbors. Call me (510-412-3673) if you are available.

### **South Portal Ferry Tunnel Mural**

Plans are moving forward to complete the mural on the south side of the tunnel which will be dedicated to our wonderful past president, Peter Minkwitz. Thanks to Bruce Beyaert we have submitted our plan to the Public Art Advisory Committee, a sub-committee of the Art Commission. We will have representatives at the June 13 meeting of the sub-committee. Bruce has also contacted John Wehrle the muralist whose design was selected to get a final cost for the project. The original estimate was \$7500. We have collected have \$6125 in the fund and need to collect more. If you would like to donate to this project honoring Peter, please bring your contribution to the next meeting or send donations in Peter's name to the Point Richmond Neighborhood Council, P.O. Box 70386, Point Richmond, CA 94807.

Margaret Jordan  
PRNC President  
510-412-3673



# AGENDA

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**POINT RICHMOND NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL**  
**Wednesday, May 30, 2012**  
**Point Richmond Community Center**

- 7:30 **Call to Order**
- Approval of Minutes from April 25, 2012** 5 minutes
- 7:35 **Police Report** 10 minutes
- 7:45 **Community Budget Presentation** (Jim Goines, Richmond Finance Director; Bill Lindsay, City Manager) 35 minutes
- 8:20 **President's Report** (Margaret Jordan (510-412-3673)) 5 minutes
- 8:25 **Report on Membership** Sue Rosenof (510) 599-1197 2 minutes
- 8:27 **Treasurer's Report** Louise Fender (510) 260-0309 2 minutes
- 8:30 **Committee Reports and Announcements from non-profit groups**  
2 minutes each (up to 20 minutes)  
Point Richmond Business Association, Margi Cellucci  
Women's Westside Improvement Club, Margaret Morkowski (510) 234-4219  
Knit and Such, Altha Humphrey (510) 232-2934  
Arts of Point Richmond, Altha Humphrey  
Red Oak Victory, George Coles  
PRNC Safety Committee, Tom Brichta 510-620-6538  
Friends of Richmond Tennis Committee, Garry Hurlbut [glh@tai.org](mailto:glh@tai.org)  
Point Richmond History Association, Mid Dornan 510-234-5334
- 8:50 **Report from Land Use/Design Review Committee** Rod Satre 10 minutes  
Accessory Structure at 209 Piedmont Place – Marc Mowry, applicant  
*Items to be considered at the Committee's June 27 meeting must be submitted to Rod Satre, Committee Chair, by June 5.*  
*Contact Rod at (510) 232-5059 or [rdsatre@live.com](mailto:rdsatre@live.com)*
- 9:00 **Information on Measure K** (Liz Sanders) 10 minutes
- 9:10 **Public Forum:** Please sign up. As many as 5 speakers—2 minutes each  
*Issues brought to the attention of the Council in the Public Forum cannot result in Council action at this meeting. Instead, the issue should be presented to Council for consideration by the June 12, 2012 to Margaret Jordan (510) 412-3673 or <http://www.poinrichmond.org/contact.cfm>*
- 9:20 **In Remembrance/Adjourn**

**Adjourn**



Point Richmond Neighborhood Council  
**General Meeting Minutes**  
**Wednesday, April 27, 2012**

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**1. The meeting was called to order at 7:35 pm.**

**2. Minutes of March 28, 2012 meeting were approved with the following corrections.** On the "Important Dates" April meeting is the "25<sup>th</sup>, not the 27<sup>th</sup>"; the Point Richmond Art Walk will be Thursday, May 17, not May 19.

**3. President's Report (Sue Rosenof, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP)**

- Congratulations to Megan (1<sup>st</sup> VP) and Dave Bleckinger who had a baby boy, Henry, born on April 14, weighting 8 lbs. 5 oz. The whole family is doing well.
- Dues are due May 1, beginning of the Point Richmond Neighborhood Council fiscal year.
- Donations are being accepted for the Ferry Point mural in honor of Peter Minkwitz. Please note on checks if you are contributing.
- We need to cut back on printed newsletters. Please notify Sue Rosenof (599-1197) to switch to e-mail. The newsletter will be available behind the desk at the library and a few copies will be available in the community area in the library.
- Farmers Market begins Wednesday, May 2 with opening celebration. Will be every Wednesday 4 pm-7 pm through September.

**4. Police Report (Stephen Andretich-sa.ndretich@richmondpd.net)** (Non-emergency number for police assistance--510-233-1214). Officer Andretich not present. A member reported that she had been the victim of a morning burglary on Eddy Street. The individuals used a crow bar to remove her lock. The police were notified and the individuals were caught in Marin County. The neighborhood is forming a Watch Group.

**5. Report on Membership (Sue Rosenof 510-599-1197)** Reiterated that we won't be able to mail newsletters monthly. Sue is working to switch members to e-mail.

**6. Treasurer's Report (Louise Fender-510-260-0309)** Balance Forward: \$55956.94; Expenses: \$ 0; Dues collected: \$70, Bishop Alley Fund: \$711.06; Ferry Point Fund: \$5015; Wig Wag Fund: \$2,970.94; General Fund: \$6026.94 **Total Balance: \$14,723.94.**

**7. Committee Reports and Announcements from Non-Profit Groups**

- Point Richmond Business Association (Margaret Morkowski) Margaret reported that the Grand Opening of the Point Richmond Farmer's Market will be May 2 from 6 pm and will be open weekly Wednesday from 4 pm-7 pm through September.
- Westside Women's Improvement Club (Margaret Morkowski) The last meeting of the year will be May 8 at 11:30 am at the Methodist Church. It will be a salad potluck and fundraiser. \$5 if you bring a salad, \$15 if you don't. It will be Hat Day so be creative.
- Knit and Such (Altha Humphrey 510-232-2934) Will meet at Wednesday, May 2 in Community Center from 12:30-2:30 pm. All welcome.
- Arts of Point Richmond (Altha Humphrey) There will be a new exhibit in the Post Office. APR is cosponsor of the Art Walk, 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month. Iron and Brush will be a new venue. APR meets three times/year. Next meeting will be June 19 with a program with an artist. Members will have booths at the Market.
- Red Oak Victory Ship (George Coles) The crew from the Red Oak was hosted on Iowa last Sunday. Next Pancake Breakfast will be Mother's Day (May 13). There will be a dinner dance on Sunday, June 3 with music by the Huey White Band. Call in advance to reserve. Pat announced the City-wide Historic Preservation Award Ceremony, Monday May 7 at 5 pm in the City Hall Chambers with a reception to follow in the foyer of the Auditorium. George Coles will receive an award for his work preserving and bringing awareness of the Native Americans who were the first residents of

“Richmond”. Specifically the award is being given for “Preserving the History of Richmond and for Being an Inspirational Educator”.

- Friends of Richmond Tennis (Garry Hurlbut [glh@tai.org](mailto:glh@tai.org)) No Report
- Point Richmond History Association (Mid Dornan 510-234-5334). The annual meeting will be May 20 at 2 pm in the Community Center. Will include celebration of centennial of Washington School. All former students, parents, teachers from the school are welcome. There will also be a display of historic plaques.

**8. Point Richmond Community Center Staff:** Debbie Hernandez (510-307-8086) is the recreation supervisor responsible for the PR Center. Lakeisha Hawkins (510-233-6881) will be staffing the center from 10 am-1 pm and during our monthly meetings. The center will be open for the Farmers Market with face painting and other activities. The children’s program this summer will be a 10 week long class series. Details to follow.

**9. Report from Land Use Design Review Committee (Altha Humphrey reporting):** The Committee recommended approval of a remodel of the main floor at 220 Bishop Alley. MSP to approve the committee recommendation. Please note: items to be considered at Committee’s May 30 meeting must be submitted to Rod Satre, Committee Chair, by May 8. Contact Rod at 510-232-5059 or [rdatre@live](mailto:rdatre@live).

**10. Point Richmond Business Introduction:** Representative of invited business did not attend.

**11. Veolia Update (Aaron Winer)** Since treatment plant has been operating smoothly with new digester cover, staffing hours will be cut back to normal hours (6 am-6 pm). Staff is available 24 hours/day for emergencies and can be reached at [www.veoliarichmond.com](http://www.veoliarichmond.com). The monitor at Brickyard is being installed. Fadi will come to PRNC to talk about upcoming project on Santa Fe as it gets closer. Although second digester is required for redundancy, Siemen submitted bid and Veolia is working with city to consider it.

**12. Solar Richmond Presentation (Alex Thibadeau):** Energy Upgrade California has partnered with city for energy and solar rebates. They are offering a \$250 rebate to have contractor come and do an energy efficiency audit, and up to \$9000 in work. City is still offering rebates for solar installations and has extended this to people who own a town house in buildings of 4 units or less. Contact [alex@solarrichmond.org](mailto:alex@solarrichmond.org) for more information.

**13. Election for PRNC President and Secretary.** Margaret Jordan and Becky Garcia were approved unanimously for president and secretary of PRNC, respectively.

**14. Train Noise and Crossings (Margaret Jordan reporting):** Crossing issue is stable. Regulations clearly stated in Public Utilities Commission General Order #135. As long as continuing moving in one direction, there are no time limits on blocking a crossing. If moving back and forth and/or stopping can’t block crossing for more than 10 minutes. More issues related to “quiet zones”. As detailed in recent E-Forum crossing at 4<sup>th</sup> and Cutting will be a “quiet zone” soon. Residents in Seaview are disturbed by train horns at night related to port business. Crossing at Canal and Wharf has new semaphores but there is no signage indicating a quiet zone. On April 25 in the AM across from 1303 Canal, a train entered a small crossing and blew its horn. The train stopped in the crossing and the warning bell continued to ring. Per Tom Butt, Canal is designated a “quiet zone,” but it is taking a long time for this to be enforced. The PRNC Board will discuss further investigation at its next meeting.

#### **15. Open Forum**

- Junktique will be Saturday May 5 at the Methodist Church. Donations can be delivered Tuesday and Thursday evenings and Saturday. Clothes and shoes are not accepted.
- Jim Goines, City Finance Director and Bill Lindsay, City Manager will be at the next meeting to discuss the city financial situation and budget. They are interested in understanding what the community priorities are. Other department heads can attend if the community has specific concerns. The Board will discuss ways of informing the community.

**16. The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm.**

*Margaret Jordan, PRNC Secretary (510-412-3673, [mjordan00@gmail.com](mailto:mjordan00@gmail.com))*

# Calendar

Saturday, May 26	Opening of Rosie the Riveter National Park Visitor Education Center Festivities kick-off at 10 am and continue until 5 pm.
Saturday, May 26	1 pm: Grand Opening of Shipyard 3 section of San Francisco Bay Trail 1:30 pm Walking and biking parade along the two-mile Shipyard 3 Trail visiting scenic overlooks with interpretive exhibits en route to the <i>SS Red Oak Victory</i> . (see flyer attached for more info)
Monday, May 28	Masquer's Playhouse town-wide Garage Sale
Wednesday, May 30	Point Richmond Neighborhood Council Meeting 7:30-9:00 pm Community Center Meet with City Manager Bill Lindsay and Finance Director Jim Goines
Monday, June 4	Next meeting of the PRNC Board of Directors. Call Margaret Jordan for time and place. (510-412-3673)
Tuesday, June 5	Submissions for projects to Land Use/Design Review Committee (LUDRC) to be considered at meeting on June 25 are due. Contact info can be found in agenda.
Friday, June 8	Point Richmond Music Festival 5:30 -7:45 pm Featuring Melody Walker (Bluegrass) and Fret Not ("Americana Gospel")
Wednesday, June 13	Point Richmond Business Association 12 Noon, Hotel Mac
Thursday, June 21	Point Richmond Art Walk 6-9 pm (every third Thursday)
1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday	City Council Meetings (City Council Chambers) 6:30 pm



## Late-breaking news from Richmond Tennis Program:

- Nicholl Park Court refinishing: Contractor expected to start work no later than 4/30 and finish by Wed., 5/9, weather permitting.
- Plunge court refinishing: Expected to be started as soon as they are done with Nicholl Park. It should be done by Friday, May 18th, weather permitting
- Two courtside benches: Will be in place after court refinishing is complete.
- Windscreen: Negotiations underway with vendor for Plunge and expect screens to be installed by May 30.
- Drainage and landscaping: Rec. Dept. is designing drainage capability for the hillside and expects to have completed new drains as well as landscaping along front of court by 5/30
- Pilot Adult Program: Program is scheduled to start on 5/8 at Nicholl Park. Possibly delayed a week due to court resurfacing.
- Nicholl Park Court Grand Opening: Tentatively planned for Friday, May 18th
- Plunge Court Grand Opening: Tentatively planned for Thursday, May 14th.
- Pt. Richmond Farmer's Market: Planning to have a joint Richmond Friends of Recreation/US Tennis Association booth Wednesdays in June preceding Plunge Court Grand Opening.



# Grand Opening



**SHIPYARD 3  
TRAIL**

*Celebrating Two Miles of San Francisco Bay Trail  
in Rosie the Riveter WWII/Home Front National Historical Park*

**Saturday, May 26, 2012**

## Schedule of Festivities

### Noon

Complimentary sandwiches and beverages

### 1:00 PM

Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

### 1:30 PM

Walking and Bicycling Parade along Shipyard 3 Trail visiting scenic overlooks en route to the SS Red Oak Victory, which will have an Open House with free tours. Walkers may return via a motor vehicle shuttle service.

**RSVP** [tracbaytrail@earthlink.net](mailto:tracbaytrail@earthlink.net)

Historic Kaiser Shipyard 3

Cafeteria building 1301

Canal Blvd., Richmond



## Directions

**By Bicycle:** Ride San Francisco Bay Trail to Cutting Blvd., take Canal Blvd. about one mile toward Bay and turn into parking area on right immediately after passing under Point Potrero Historic Kaiser Shipyard 3 Gateway.

**By Car:** Exit Canal Blvd. from I-580, drive about one mile toward Bay and turn into parking area on right immediately after passing under Point Potrero Historic Kaiser Shipyard 3 Gateway.





# ROSIE THE RIVETER

★ *Visitor Education Center* ★

## 1414 HARBOUR WAY SOUTH

*Richmond, California*

*Grand Opening*

**SATURDAY 10AM TO 5PM  
MAY 26TH, 2012**

*10am Ribbon Cutting*

**10 AM-11:30:**  
Opening ceremony

**11:30 AM:**  
VC opens to the public!

**12 PM-5 PM:**  
Family activities

**1:00-1:30:**  
Shipyard 3 Ribbon Cutting

**2 PM:**  
Walk with A Park Ranger

**3 PM:**  
Meet Ranger Betty Soskin

For more information:  
510-232-5050 X0 or  
[www.nps.gov/rori](http://www.nps.gov/rori)



**IF YOU AREN'T ALREADY A MEMBER, WE URGE YOU TO BECOME ONE!**

The dues help cover our administrative expenses and are minimal. Rates are \$10 for individuals and \$15 for a household. New and renewed membership covers the period from May 1, 2012 to April 30, 2013. If dues amount is a financial hardship, a waiver is gladly granted. Lifetime memberships are available for \$500.

**Point Richmond Neighborhood Council  
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

- New
- Renewal

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Bring dues to the next meeting or mail  
check and this application to:

**PRNC  
P.O. Box 70386  
Point Richmond, CA 94807**



You know what they say –  
one man's trash is another  
man's treasure!  
**Come find your very own  
treasure!**

**19TH POINT RICHMOND MASQUERS PLAYHOUSE  
GARAGE SALE  
MAY 28, 2012  
MEMORIAL DAY MONDAY**



# WORKSHOP

## to Reduce your Energy Bills

*and increase the health, comfort, and durability of your Richmond home*



**Richmond residents** are eligible to receive **thousands of dollars** in stimulus rebates to improve their home's health, comfort and energy efficiency for a limited time only.

The City is hosting a **free workshop** for homeowners to learn how to obtain these rebates through the Richmond Recovery Rebate (R<sup>3</sup>) program and Energy Upgrade California.

**Thursday, May 24th, 2012**  
**6:30 pm to 8:00 pm** ● **Refreshments at 6:00 PM**  
**Richmond City Council Chambers**  
**440 Civic Center Plaza** ● **Richmond, CA 94804**

At this workshop, attendees will:

- Sign-up for a home energy assessment;
- Hear from local homeowners about their experience participating in the R<sup>3</sup> Program;
- Learn how to leverage stimulus rebates, grants and loans to upgrade your home;
- Meet local Energy Upgrade California certified contractors;
- Enjoy refreshments prior to the workshop at 6:00 PM.

**Interested in attending? RSVP at <http://r3workshop.eventbrite.com/>.**

For more information, please visit [www.richmondenvironment.org](http://www.richmondenvironment.org), or call the Richmond Environmental Initiatives Division of the City Manager's office at (510) 620 - 5502.