



# ON POINT

November 2012



## 1. Updates from Recent PRNC Membership Meetings:

**Writer Coach Connection:** In July, Shelli Fried from *Writer Coach Connection* gave a presentation outlining the high school tutorial program. The plan was to expand into Richmond and recruit volunteers to work one-on-one with students at Richmond High. On October 17 at a ribbon-cutting, 77 newly trained volunteers were welcomed to help 150 students develop writing skills. For more info go to [wcc.typepad.com/writercoach\\_connection](http://wcc.typepad.com/writercoach_connection).

**Operation Ceasefire:** In August, Eugene Jackson and Laverne Vaughn spoke about *Operation Ceasefire*, a local crime reduction program in which volunteers from around the city walk the neighborhoods to bring a message of peace. They also described a county-wide community effort to direct monies away from construction of more jail beds toward numerous programs designed to support previously incarcerated citizens transition into productive lives when they come home. The coalition has been very successful and is hoping that significant funding will be directed to the programs at a meeting at 8:00 am, December 7 in Martinez. Community members are urged to come to the meeting to show support. For details contact [claudia@ccisco.org](mailto:claudia@ccisco.org) / [510-414-9025](tel:510-414-9025).

**CPR Classes:** At our October meeting, Jim Mallory, FEMA employee and Richmond CERT member offered to teach a certified CPR class in Point Richmond. In addition to CPR, the 4-5 hour class will include use of a defibrillator and first aid (splinting, etc.). The fee is \$50 (a deal to get certified!) which must be paid before the class. We are trying to organize a class for early January. Please let me know if you are interested.

**USTA Adult Tennis Program:** Garry Hurlbut has been reporting on the developing adult tennis programs in Richmond. Finally (!) two leagues (Adult 40 & Over and Mixed 55 and Over) are almost here. Registration 11/19-12/12. Contact Garry if you are interested in joining the leagues— [glh@tai.org](mailto:glh@tai.org)

**2. Point Richmond Design Review and Land Use Committee Vacancy**—The Board is planning to appoint 1 or 2 new members to this committee which is charged with reviewing all projects which require action by the City of Richmond Planning & Building Department, and bringing recommendations to the general membership for consideration. Meetings are held monthly before membership meetings. Please contact me if you have a design background and/or a particular interest design and/or land use in Point Richmond.

**3. November Membership Meeting**—Wednesday, November 28 7:30 pm. Lois Boyle will give us a report on the current issues regarding the Red Oak Victory Ship. Representatives from Chevron will be giving a presentation on placement of air monitoring equipment in Point Richmond. **Please note there will be NO membership meeting in December. The next meeting will be January 30, 2013.**

**4. General Order 135 of the Public Utilities Commission:** Waits at railroad crossings continue to be a concern for our neighborhood. Guidelines governing this issue can be found at [http://162.15.7.24/PUBLISHED/GENERAL\\_ORDER/59573.htm](http://162.15.7.24/PUBLISHED/GENERAL_ORDER/59573.htm). You will see that there are time limits on trains moving back and forth across the crossings, but not on trains continuing in the same direction.

Happy Holidays to All! Hope we see you next Wednesday for the final PRNC meeting of 2012.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Margaret J. Judd". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

PRNC President



# AGENDA



**POINT RICHMOND NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL**  
**Wednesday, November 28, 2012**  
**Point Richmond Community Center**

- 7:30 **Call to Order**
- Approval of Minutes from October 31, 2012** 2 minutes
- 7:32 **Police Report** (Officer Andretich) 10 minutes
- 7:42 **President's Report** Margaret Jordan (510) 412-3673 5 minutes
- 7:47 **Report on Membership** Sue Rosenof (510) 599-1197 2 minutes
- 7:49 **Treasurer's Report** Louise Fender (510) 260-0309 2 minutes
- 7:51 **Committee Reports and Announcements from non-profit groups**  
(Regularly scheduled meetings will be noted in calendar. Please report further developments)  
2 minutes each (up to 15 minutes)  
Point Richmond Business Association, Margi Cellucci  
Westside Women's Club, Norma Jean Wallace (510) 439-8360  
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  
Point Richmond History Association, Mid Dornan (510) 234-5334  
Richmond Tennis (Garry Hurlbut)
- 8:07 **Report from Land Use/Design Review Committee**  
None scheduled for November 2012  
  
*\*\*Items to be considered at the LUDRC meeting must be submitted to John Rohan, Committee Co-Chair. Contact John at [johnrohan@gmail.com](mailto:johnrohan@gmail.com). \*\*Note—The next meeting of the Land Use Design Review Committee and the Point Richmond Neighborhood Council will be on January 30, 2013. Items to be considered must be submitted to John no later than Tuesday, January 8.*
- 8:08 **Report on Formula Restaurant Issue**
- 8:13 **Report on Red Oak Victory Ship** (Lois Boyle)
- 8:27 **Chevron Report on Placement of Monitor**
- 8:42 **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 January 4, 2013 to Margaret Jordan (510) 412-3673/mjordan00@gmail.com or <http://www.pointrichmond.org/contact.cfm>*
- 8:47 **In Remembrance/Adjourn**



Point Richmond Neighborhood Council  
**General Meeting Minutes**  
**Wednesday, October 31, 2012**

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- 1. The meeting was called to order at 7:37 pm**
- 2. Minutes of August 29, 2012 meeting were approved following correction:** Richard Katz asked that “General Order 135 says that is illegal to move your train back and forth across the street” as an addition to the minutes.
- 3. Police Report (Stephen Andretich - sandretich@richmondpd.net) (Non-emergency number for police assistance 510-233-1214).** Officer Andretich did not attend.
- 4. President's Report (Margaret Jordan, President 510-412-3673)**

**Candidates Night** - The evening was a success with over 70 in attendance, reminded everyone to vote.  
**Nextdoor.com**- Website is up and running. Hoping to have Joan Garrett come and talk to us to learn ways to better utilize it. All residents can join by going to nextdoor.com. **Cafe Altura** - hoping to negotiate a new lease with landlord. **Tunnel Mural** - City Council signed contract for work on lining of the tunnel. A grant has been applied for, by Bruce Beyaert, through the Gateway Foundation. In December, we should know if we got the grant and if so, the amount awarded.  
**Business Presentations** - If businesses would like to come to the PRNC meetings to present, they should contact Margaret to schedule. Next meeting is Nov. 28 and there will be no Dec. meeting.
- 5. Membership Report (Sue Rosenof 510-599-1197)** Sue continues to remind members to be paid up-to-date with membership dues. Out of the 232 email members, only 66 are up to date on dues and out of the 63 “snail mail” members, 30 are up to date on dues. Sue plans to list in the newsletter all members who have dues paid up to date. May 1st is the membership renewal date each year.
- 6. Treasurer's Report (Louise Fender-510-260-0309)** Balance Forward: \$6221.74; Expenses: \$14.77; Dues collected: \$100, Bishop Alley Fund: \$711.06; Ferry Point Fund: \$6770; Wig Wag Fund: \$2,970.94; General Fund: \$6306.97 **Total Balance: \$16758.97.**
- 7. Committee Reports and Announcements from Non-Profit Groups:**

Point Richmond Business Association (Margi Cellucci) Next meeting is Nov. 14 at 12 noon. Topic is Intro to Nutiva. Visit PRBA website or Dewitt Gallery to sign up and pay.  
Westside Women's Improvement Club (Norma Jean Wallace (510-439-8360) Next meeting is Nov. 13 11:30am Methodist Church. Bring your lunch.  
Knit and Such (Altha Humphrey 510-232-2934) First Wednesday each month. 12:30 pm to 2:30 pm at the Community Center.  
Arts of Point Richmond (Altha Humphrey) Next event will be December 8.  
Red Oak Victory Ship (George Coles) Still doing tours Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday. However the Riggers Loft remodel has impacted some utilities, etc. involving the ship. It was recommended that we get someone to address what is going on at the next meeting.  
Point Richmond Safety Committee (Tom Brichata 510-620-6538) No report.  
Friends of Richmond Tennis (Garry Hurlbut [glh@tai.org](mailto:glh@tai.org)) The “adopt a park” project along the back of the Plunge tennis courts is going through parks and recreation and will then be brought back to PRNC. Courts have been busy and Richmond men’s team is now playing. They are considering forming a USTA association in Richmond. Due to vandalism, the courts will be locked at night  
Point Richmond History Association (Mid Dornan 510-234-5334). No report.

## **8. Report from Land Use Design Review Committee\*** (Jane Lundin reporting)

- Hotel Mac Expansion, 30 Railroad Ave.-- Add five extended stay suites. Recommended by LUDRC and PRNC attendees approved remodel request.
- Remodel 199 Park Place (Corner W. Richmond and Park Place)- adding two windows was recommended by LUDRC and approved by PRNC attendees. The movie theater mural issue and signage was approved under the condition that it be reviewed by the historic preservation commission.

\*Items to be considered at the Committee's November 2012 meeting must be submitted to John Rohan, Committee Co-Chair by Tuesday, November 6. Contact John at [johnrohan@gmail.com](mailto:johnrohan@gmail.com).

**9. Vacca Path Update:** Information from the Public Works Department indicates that fixing the stairs is a relatively minor expense (which has been done by a mysterious person!), but bringing the path between Eddy and Vacca would be a very expensive matter. Given that there doesn't seem to be an individual willing to work on the project and raise funds, it seems that the city will install metal barriers and that the path will not be repaired at this time. There was some concern expressed that the path might further deteriorate becoming a danger to the buildings above it. Margaret will write to the city and inquire about the safety of the buildings above the path.

**10. Report on Status of Formula Restaurant Ordinance (Marsha Tomassi)** After a thorough review of the past 18 months, it was decided that a subcommittee would be formed to use the information already gathered during research on the formula restaurant issue in other municipalities. We ask that this subcommittee write a draft ordinance to bring to the planning department and city attorney to finalize an ordinance to go before the City Council. Marsha Tomassi agreed to take the lead. Jeff Lee, Linda Newton and Kathleen Wimer will also serve on subcommittee.

**11. CPR Training (Jim Mallory (510)812-3647) [trainerguy@mail.com](mailto:trainerguy@mail.com)** Jim Mallory talked to us about CPR/AED classes that he teaches. They are 4 - 5 hour courses that cost \$50. Next class is Nov. 7 from 5-9pm and then Dec. 8 1-5pm. Call or go online for more information.

## **12. Public Forum**

- Chevron (Heather Kulp) - Air monitoring program. Plunge is proposed location. They will be at PRNC agenda next month to give a full report.
- Salut  Thanksgiving Dinner for the Homeless - Garry Hurlbut talked to us about the Thanksgiving meal expected to feed 600. Go to Mechanics Bank to donate.
- Mike Parker spoke to the group encouraging everyone to vote on Election Day and to pay attention and read carefully the flyers that are arriving every day, as they can be misleading.

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## **14. In Remembrance/Adjourn**

Remembered is Barbara Vincent, one of the women instrumental in preserving the Richmond Shoreline and making it accessible to our citizens. Memorial 11/2 at 2pm, Richmond Yacht Club.

Meeting adjourned.

Becky Garcia, PRNC Secretary (510-237-1752, [bgonthego@gmail.com](mailto:bgonthego@gmail.com))

# Calendar



Saturday, Nov. 24	5 pm	Holiday Tree Lighting at Indian Statue Park
Sunday, Dec 2	11 am to 5 pm	Richmond Art Center's Annual Holiday Arts Festival!
Saturday, Dec 8	11 am to 5 pm	Arts of Point Richmond's Annual Holiday Fest at Point Richmond Community Center
Monday, Jan. 7	6:30 pm	PRNC Board Meeting. Call Margaret (412-3673) for location
Wednesday, Jan. 30	7:30 pm	PRNC General Membership Meeting, Pt. Richmond Community Center.

## Regularly Scheduled Events:

- Knit and Such (1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of month, 12:30-2:30 Point Richmond Community Center)
- Point Richmond Art Walk, 6 -9 pm, 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month.
- Point Richmond Business Association (2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of month, 12 noon). Go to [www.prba.us/](http://www.prba.us/) to view the program and make reservation)
- Westside Women’s Improvement Club (1st Tuesday of the month from September through June). Point Richmond Methodist Church Hall. Bring your lunch at 11:30 am and we’ll provide dessert & beverages. The program and meetings begin around 12:15 pm.

Be sure to visit [www.pointrichmond.com](http://www.pointrichmond.com) for the most up-to-date calendar of “goings-on” around Point Richmond.

**DUES:** The charts that follow represent the paid up members as of the last meeting; the first chart is for email, the second is for snail mail. Only one last name per household is listed. I did my best to provide accurate information – let me know if you believe you should be on the list and are not.

Beltan	Benham	Berman	Betts	Beyaert
Biren	Bleckinger	Blim	Blonski	Bort
Brown	Bukay	Bury	Cole	Condron
Crowe	Delivers	Dienst	Dornan	Early
Estes	Galloway	Garrett	Gates	Green
Heath	Herrick	Hight	Holmes	Hurlbut
Jordan	Jordan	Kiehn	Kulp	Lavine
Lord	Lundin	Mielke	Moe	Morkowski
Mortell	Noble	Nye	Reynolds	Reynolds
Roberts	Robertson	Rydgren	Schoen MD	Schortemeyer
Scott	Smith	Spahr Hodges	Swartz	Tarr
Terrill	Tyler	Vanoni	Vines	Vines
Von Burg	Ward	Webb	Wiengand	Wimer
Woodrow	Garcia			

Burdick	Castiglia	Chamberlin	Chambers	
Coles	Curtis	Doherty	Dollarhite	Fostiak
Gatten	Herkert	Humphrey	Idzerda	Jacobson
Kafka	Karl	Leatham	Maxwell	Mc Mullen
Mizsey	Newton	Ong	Rosenof	Sadat
Schaefer	Smith	Stock	Stoddard	Tedrick



**Dues for everyone are due the same time every year – May 1<sup>st</sup>.**

This year's dues covers May 1, 2012 to April 30, 2013. If you have paid dues in the last few months, you're up to date. The dues help cover our administrative expenses and are minimal: \$10 for individuals and \$15 for a household. If this is a financial hardship, a waiver is gladly granted. Lifetime memberships are available for \$500.

**PRNC MEMBERSHIP**

**New**

**Renewal**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

Bring dues to next meeting or mail check and application to: **PRNC; P.O. Box 70386; Point Richmond, CA 94807**



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