



ON POINT *January 2013*



The Point Richmond Neighborhood Council was honored in December to receive a \$2000 grant from the **Point Richmond Gateway Foundation** to help fund completion of the mural on the south portal of the Dornan Drive Tunnel. The mural will be a memorial for our beloved past-president, Peter Minkwitz. Thank you so much to the Foundation! At our last meeting the PRNC Board voted to allocate \$700 from our treasury to complete funding of the project.

LBNL: At the last PRNC meeting a member wanted to know how to stay abreast of the plans and progress of the Lawrence Berkeley National Lab (LBNL) project. Announcements of regularly scheduled community meetings addressing LBNL can be found at <http://www.lbnl-cag.org/Content/10003/MeetingsandEvents.html> or call (510) 486-6536.

Dornan Drive Tunnel Repairs: For details of expected delays while the tunnel repairs are being completed go to <http://www.ci.richmond.ca.us/DocumentCenter/View/24520> or call (415) 308-1741.

Safety Alert: At the November PRNC General Meeting, Officer Andretich stated that there has been a rash of robberies at the Richmond BART Station. Officer Andretich reminded us to be alert and aware of our surroundings while at the station.

Important Items at Next PRNC General Membership Meeting, January 30, 7:30 pm

Report on I-580 Repair Project: Work on the I-580 Scofield Avenue and Western Drive Bridge Deck Replacement project is scheduled to begin in January. Lane closures will likely not begin until March. A representative from Cal-Tran will be at the PRNC meeting on January 30 to give us the details and explain measures being taken to minimize inconvenience.

Marin Energy Authority: In May 2012, in a move to promote greater use of sustainable energy and retain local control of ratepayer dollars, the Richmond City Council approved a resolution to become a member of the Marin Energy Authority (MEA), a not-for-profit public agency which administers Marin Clean Energy (MCE).

Beginning in July 2013, MCE will provide a minimum of 50% renewable energy to all Richmond customers (**unless they opt out**), at prices comparable to PG&E. Representatives from MCE will be at the PRNC meeting on January 30 to talk about the MCE and answer questions about prices, energy sources, opt-out procedures, and plan options, including "Deep Green" – a 100% renewable option. Come to get first-hand information to help you as you make your individual decision regarding your energy provider.

Happy New Year to all of you – we're looking forward to a great year in Point Richmond!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Margaret Jordan".

Margaret Jordan, President
Point Richmond Neighborhood Council



Point Richmond Neighborhood Council
General Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, November 28, 2012

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:37 pm

2. Minutes of October 31, 2012 meeting were approved following addition: Bruce Beyaert asked that the statement "The PRNC has applied for a Point Richmond Gateway Foundation grant to complete funding for painting of the mural on the south portal of the tunnel" be included 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 reported that there has been an uptick in robberies in the past 60 days. Suspects tend to target people who are walking alone in the early morning, especially people talking/texting on the phone. The suspects are particularly interested in gold jewelry. We were reminded to be aware of our surroundings and report any suspicious behavior. He also reminded us that if we see street lights out to report this via the City of Richmond website under "Streetlight Reporting".

4. President's Report (Margaret Jordan, President 510-412-3673) Margaret reviewed the updates from the newsletter. Writer coach connection is going well at Richmond High. Operation Ceasefire continues to gain momentum and Chief Magnus is a supporter. CPR classes are still looking for people who are interested. The Gateway Foundation will announce its funding decisions soon. There are several opportunities to donate toys. Mentioned was www.toyprogram.org and click on "donate" and toy drop off at Mechanics Bank. Next meeting is January 30, 2013 -- there will be no December 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 260 email members, only 66 are up to date on dues and out of the 61 "snail mail" members, 32 are up to date on dues. Sue listed all members who are paid up in the last newsletter. May 1st is the membership renewal date each year.

6. Treasurer's Report (Louise Fender-510-260-0309) Balance Forward: \$6,306.97; Expenses: \$0; Dues collected: \$45, Bishop Alley Fund: \$711.06; Ferry Point Fund: \$6770; Wig Wag Fund: \$2,970.94; General Fund: \$6,351.97 **Total Balance: \$16,803.97.**

7. Committee Reports and Announcements from Non-Profit Groups (*Regularly scheduled meetings are listed in the monthly newsletter)

Point Richmond Business Association (Margi Cellucci) No report.

Westside Women's Improvement Club (Linda Newton) Next meeting is Dec. 4 11:30 am Methodist Church. Christmas Luncheon. \$15.

Knit and Such (Altha Humphrey 510-232-2934) New leader announced, Terry Phillips. Next meeting Jan. 9, 2013 12:30 pm to 2:30 pm at the Community Center.

Arts of Point Richmond (Altha Humphrey) Next event will be December 8, 11 am – 5 pm

Red Oak Victory Ship (George Coles) Still looking for volunteers.

Point Richmond Safety Committee (Tom Brichta 510-620-6538) No report.

Friends of Richmond Tennis (Garry Hurlbut glh@tai.org) Forming new teams in the new year. Pals started a youth program. Please email Garry for further information.

Point Richmond History Association (Mid Dornan 510-234-5334) New newsletter is available. Great place to shop for holidays.

8. Report from Land Use Design Review Committee No report. Looking for people interested in becoming part of the committee. **Items to be considered at the Committee's January 30, 2013 meeting must be submitted to John Rohan, Committee Co-Chair by Tuesday, January 8. Contact John at johnrohan@gmail.com.

9. Report on Red Oak Victory Ship (Lois Boyle) Rigger's Loft is being restored and this renovation has impacted the ship. Half of the dock space has been fenced off and the sanitation outlet has been lost so they have to pay for pumping. Utilities were off for a time, but are back on. Lois indicated that they have had to incur additional costs, but are working with the restoration team for Rigger's Loft.

Official sailing of the Red Oak is scheduled for 11/11/13. It is rated for 700 guests with a cost of \$150 per person to attend. Futures are for sale for \$20 each and 6 futures you will buy you the ticket for the initial sail, a savings of \$30.

10. Chevron Report on Placement of Monitor (Nicole Barber) Air monitoring program is recommending placement of the monitor in Point Richmond at the Natatorium. The website and the equipment is installed and operated by Argos, which is the company contracted for and managed by the City of Richmond but paid for by Chevron. The purpose of this is to get information to the community. Compounds monitored and levels are on the website.

It was recommended that the someone from the City of Richmond, Denny Larson, someone from Chevron, Veola and the CBE (Citizens for Better Environment) come to the PRNC meeting to talk to us about the monitoring program and results that have been compiled.

11. Report on Formula Restaurant Issue A meeting was held on November 26th, attended by Jeff Ritterman, Jeff Lee, Linda Newton, Kathleen Wimer, Sue Rosenof and Margaret Jordan.

It was agreed that the goal is passage of an ordinance that allows neighborhoods to ban formula restaurants in their respective C-1 districts. A proposed resolution has been created and sent on to Jeff Ritterman to submit to the Richmond City Council on December 5th, 2012.

12. Public Forum

- Methodist Church Bake Sale Dec. 15, 10 am – 3 pm
- Lawrence Livermore National Lab - rumors circulating and to find information and meetings about what is going on with LBNL check the website or call the city.
- Turkey shoot was a fun event. Next year it is the 25th anniversary of this event!
- Everyone is encouraged to talk to friends and neighbors about joining the PRNC.

13. In Remembrance/Adjourn Meeting adjourned.

Becky Garcia

PRNC Secretary

(510-237-1752, bgonthego@gmail.com)

Calendar

Wednesday, January 30	Point Richmond Neighborhood Council Meeting 7:30-9:00 pm Community Center
Wednesday, February 6	Meeting PRNC Board of Directors. Call Margaret Jordan for time and place. (510-412-3673)
Wednesday, February 6	Knit and Such, 12:30-2:30 pm Point Richmond Community Center
Friday, February 8	Point Richmond Acoustic Music presents "Claudia Russell and Friends." 8 pm First Methodist Church
Saturday, February 9	<i>Te's Harmony</i> Raw Talent, 6 -9 pm, Performing Arts Theater, El Cerrito High School, 540 Ashbury Ave
Monday, February 11	Richmond Neighborhood Coordinating Council 7 pm Community Services Building, Room One, 330 25th Street
Wednesday, February 13	Point Richmond Business Association 12 Noon, Go to prba.us for more information and to make reservation.
1 st and 3 rd Tuesday	City Council Meetings (City Council Chambers)

Regularly Scheduled Events:

- Knit and Such (1st Wednesday of month, 12:30-2:30 Point Richmond Community Center)
- Point Richmond Art Walk, 6 -9 pm, 3rd Thursday of the month.
- Point Richmond Business Association (2nd Wednesday of month, 12 noon). Go to 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 for the most up-to-date calendar of "goings-on" around Point Richmond.

The charts that follow represent the paid up members as of December 2012; only one last name per household is listed. Let us know if you believe you should be on the list and are not.

Beltan	Carbone	Dornan	Humphrey	Lundin	Robertson	Swartz	Wimer
Benham	Castiglia	Early	Hurlbut	Maxwell	Rosenof	Swett	Woodrow
Berman	Chamberlin	Estes	Idzerda	Mc Mullen	Rydgren	Tarr	Jordan
Betts	Chambers	Fostiak	Jacobson	Mielke	Sadat	Tedrick	
Beyaert	Clary	Galloway	Jordan	Mizsey	Schaefer	Terrill	
Biren	Coffey	Garcia	Kafka	Moe	Schoen MD	Tyler	
Birbaum	Cole	Garrett	Karl	Morkowski	Schortemeyer	Vanoni	
Bleckinger	Coles	Gates	Kiehn	Mortell	Scott	Vines	
Blim	Condron	Gatten	Kille	Newton	Smith	Vines	
Blonski	Crowe	Green	Kulp	Newton	Smith	Von Burg	
Bort	Curtis	Heath	Laing	Noble	Spahr Hodges	Wallis	
Brown	Delivers	Herkert	Lavine	Nye	Spencer	Ward	
Bukay	Dienst	Herrick	Leatham	Ong	Stafford	Webb	
Burdick	Doherty	Hight	Lee	Reynolds	Stock	Wiengand	
Bury	Dollarhite	Holmes	Lord	Roberts	Stoddard	Williams	

Dues for everyone are due the same time every year – May 1st.

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**

SS Red Oak Victory
NEEDS VOLUNTEERS!
Training is provided and the only requirement of docents is a **little** time and a **lot** of enthusiasm!
Call 510-237-2933

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