



## **Hotel Mac Restaurant comes to the rescue!**

Thanks so much to Lara Choe for her generosity to the Point Richmond Neighborhood Council. Last month, for the second time in a year, we were unable to get into the Community Center for a jam-packed meeting with a number of interesting speakers. Without hesitation, Jaime Molina, who was working at the time, allowed us to meet in the Hotel Mac Banquet Room (and provided coffee as well)! We really appreciate the Hotel Mac Restaurant's support for the community. And we encourage the community to reciprocate by partaking of the restaurant's great food and atmosphere.

## **It's Election Time Again!**

The Mayoral Candidates' Night for August 27 has been cancelled since Tom Butt and Nat Bates are unable to attend. We will hold our regularly scheduled membership meeting. Since most citizens are not acquainted with the third mayoral candidate, Uche Uwahemu, we have invited him to speak at the meeting and answer questions. We will alert the community to other Mayoral Candidates' Nights being held in the city.

We will, however, be hosting a **City Council Candidates' Night** at 7PM on Thursday, September 25 at the Richmond Yacht Club. We have invited all twelve candidates to present their ideas and answer our questions. Thanks a lot to Jeff Lee who arranged for us to meet at the RYC and to the RYC for allowing us to use their space.

The format will be short presentations from the candidates followed by several predetermined questions from the PRNC Board. Then there will be questions from the audience. To be sure that the Board questions cover topics of interest to our membership we are asking you let us know what issues are of particular interest to you. Ideas can be sent to us at [prnc@prnc.org](mailto:prnc@prnc.org).

**NOTE:** This event will replace our regularly scheduled September PRNC Membership Meeting.

**Don't Miss These Important Discussions at our next Point Richmond Neighborhood Council Membership Meeting: August 27, 7:30 p.m.**

- Crime and Safety Update
- Discussion of a proposed Townhouse/Condo Development in the vacant area behind Mechanics Bank. The membership will hear a report from our LUDRC and then discuss and consider their recommendations.
- Introduction to Uche Uwahemu, Mayoral Candidate.

**We Hope to See You All At the Meeting!**



Margaret Jordan, President  
Point Richmond Neighborhood Council





Point Richmond Neighborhood Council  
**General Meeting Minutes**  
**Wednesday, July 30, 2014**

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**1. The meeting was called to order at 7:37 p.m.** Margaret welcomed everyone to the Hotel Mac as our venue for the meeting this month. The minutes from June were approved with no changes. Kyle and Genn Toffey were welcomed as new members and new residents in Pt. Richmond.

**2. Police Report (Captain Gagan) (Non-emergency number for police assistance 510-233-1214) and PRNC Safety and Crime Prevention Report (Jon Sutinen, [jsutinen@yahoo.com](mailto:jsutinen@yahoo.com)):** Captain Gagan presented on the recent crime in the Pt. Richmond area. He appreciates the way the neighbors look out for one another, pay attention to their surroundings and call when there is suspicious activity. He introduced Mitch and Ben who are officers assigned to foot and bike patrol in Pt. Richmond. Their hours are approximately noon-10 pm Tuesday-Friday and their presence will be seen more frequently due to the higher crime in the area. There are three districts in the Richmond area. Captain Gagan is in the Southern District. Captain Gagan reported some shocking crime in the months of June and July and spoke to the homicide as being a domestic crime. The robbery at the pharmacy is believed to be one of a string of similar crimes as the robber was seeking narcotic drugs during this robbery. Captain Gagan reported that this is a very common crime since the use of prescription drugs is very prevalent. The most disturbing crime was that of a robbery of \$200 from a resident who was getting money from the ATM machine. A \$5,000 reward has been posted. There is also another \$5,000 reward posted from another source, which increases the total to \$10,000. The crime occurred around 6:00 pm and the victim was knocked to the ground and injured. A question about organized neighborhood watches was asked and it was reported that there are several, but more could be formed. For more information on getting a neighborhood watch started, call Michelle (community liaison) at 510-620-6538. Captain Gagan can be reached at [mgagan@richmondpd.net](mailto:mgagan@richmondpd.net) or via phone at 510-965-4917 (work).

**3. President's Report (Margaret Jordan, 510-412-3673):** Margaret mentioned that the next meeting, August 27<sup>th</sup> will be a mayoral candidate's night. There will not be a regular Neighborhood Council meeting that night. The location is TBD. Jean Knox is home and recovering from her injury.

**4. Membership Report (Charmain Tyler 510-334-7267):** There are currently 124 paid members. There are 105 people that paid last year, but have not renewed their membership this year.

**5. Treasurer's Report (Garry Hurlbut 510-547-8111):** We gave \$500 to the music festival, which we have done in the past, and sent flowers to Jean Knox. General Fund \$9,125.72; Bishop Alley Fund \$711.06; Wig Wag Fund \$2,970.94. **Total Balance: \$12,807.72.**

**6. Report from Land Use Design Review Committee:** No report.

*\*\*Items to be considered at the Committee's August meeting must be submitted to Rod Satre, Committee Chair, by August 12, 2014. Contact Rod at [rdsatre@live.com](mailto:rdsatre@live.com) or (510)232-5059. The LUDRC meets monthly prior to the PRNC Meeting. 6 p.m., Interactive Resources, 117 Park Place. Attend if your project is being considered.*

**7. How to Prevent Identity Theft:** Detective Tagorda from Richmond Police Department Property Crimes Unit. He reported an increase in identity theft and mail theft. Thieves will sort through mail and try to figure out personal details of your life. It is easier than you think to find out information on people. Thieves use this information to open up credit accounts, print checks, etc. He reported that people get this information from online sources, ATM machines, and trash. He highly recommended that people invest in cross-cut shredders and shred personal information rather than recycle it. In lieu of that, you can take your personal paperwork to a document shredding company. Another recommendation is to pay all bills online (with password protected wi-fi) to avoid using the mailbox. Another tip is to only use credit cards and not debit cards because if there is an unauthorized charge, the credit company will reimburse the account faster than a bank will for a debit card.

**8. Report on Milo Foundation:** Lynn Tingle reported on Milo Foundation. Milo was named after Lynn's Australian Shepherd. In 20 years, The Milo Foundation has rescued and found homes for more than 25,000 animals that faced euthanasia in California's high-kill shelters. They have a 283 acre sanctuary in Mendocino County and a new Intake and Adoption Center in Point Richmond, designed for rescue, including dog yards, cat rooms, and their own 3/4 acre Dog Park. When animals are rescued they will check for a micro-chip and post the information on Next Door Point Richmond. They try to find owners. Milo is the first rescue organization to help the city and county of Merced. The foundation has located on Garrard Street after moving from San Rafael and is in the process of building dog runs. They welcome volunteers from 7 a.m.–7 p.m. The foundation is in need of funds due to the move and building onto the space. Lynn would appreciate any donations. They are looking for 200 people to commit to donating \$20 a month to help them with cash flow. The campaign is called 20/200 and donations can be made online at [www.milofoundation.org](http://www.milofoundation.org).

**9. Writer Coach Connection:** June Pagelinan reported on this organization and recognized Mary Lee Cole as the founder of Writer Coach Connection. The organization brings the volunteers into the schools. The coaches work with students on writing, comprehension, and critical thinking. Currently, the organization is working with Richmond High School and work with students at the level they are at. The group started in Berkeley, then to Oakland, and now to Richmond. Last year, there were 100 coaches who worked with 184 students. This year they are expanding to Kennedy High School. Mary Hoffman is a volunteer and a business owner in Pt. Richmond. She reported that she has enjoyed her work and will expand to Kennedy High School this fall. She also reported the excellent training and support she has received from the organization. Mary recommends this group for anyone looking for a fulfilling volunteer commitment. No experience is required. Mary Lee Cole started this program in 2000 and the program grew like wildfire. The total volunteer commitment is 12-14 hours during the school year. It's been a very important part of the students' lives as they have adults who come in and care enough to give their time to help. She recommended that people consider joining the group. For more information, contact [www.writercoachconnection.org](http://www.writercoachconnection.org).

#### **10. Committee Reports and Announcements from Non-Profit Groups**

*(Regularly scheduled meetings are listed in the monthly newsletter)*

-Point Richmond Business Association: (David Schoenthal, [dbschoen@hotmail.com](mailto:dbschoen@hotmail.com).) No report.

-Knit and Such: (Terri Phillips (510) 237-6865) Meeting August 6 from 1-3 p.m. No charge.

-Arts of Point Richmond: (Altha Humphrey (510) 232-2934) Meeting August 14<sup>th</sup> from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Community Center. The next Point to Point will be Saturday, August 16, from 2-6 p.m.

-Red Oak Victory Ship:(George Coles (510) 234-1045) Pancake Breakfast Sunday, August 10, 9-1.

-Women's Westside Improvement Club: On summer break.

-Friends of Richmond Tennis: (Garry Hurlbut, [glh@tai.org](mailto:glh@tai.org), (510) 547-8111) Article from Inside Tennis magazine was very encouraging called Determination and Partnerships Create Tennis Boom in Richmond. The second court at The Plunge should be ready early next year.

-TRAC: (Bruce Beyaert) No report.

-Masquers Playhouse: (Kathe Kiehn, [www.masquers.org](http://www.masquers.org)) The new play opens August 22 and goes to September 20, Berlin to Broadway. Tickets are \$22 each. The new season starts in January.

#### **11. Public Forum**

**a. Diane Marie** reported that the Brickyard Landing Community Affairs Committee is concerned about the development at Terminal One. As a start, there will be a Q&A for the Mayoral Candidates August 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm at the Brickyard Landing Clubhouse. Everyone is invited. The subject matter is limited to development.

*PLEASE NOTE - 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 before the next PRNC board meeting to Margaret Jordan (510) 412-3673 or <http://www.poinrichmond.org/contact.cfm>.*

**12. In Remembrance/Adjourn:** Celebrating the births of Carlos Medrano and of Landon Hurlbut-Walker. Remembering Kathryn Dienst's father-in-law. 9:13 pm. Meeting Adjourned

# CALENDAR

| DATE  | EVENT  | For More Information   |
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| Thursday<br>August 22 - September 20<br>8:00 p.m. | The Masquers Playhouse<br>Berlin to Broadway<br>With Kurt Weill  | <a href="http://www.masquers.org">www.masquers.org</a>   |
| Wednesday<br>August 27<br>7:30 p.m.               | Point Richmond<br>Neighborhood Council<br>General Membership Meeting<br>Point Richmond<br>Community Center | Margaret Jordan,<br>(510) 412-367  |
| Thursday<br>August 28<br>7:30                     | The Magick Lantern<br>Battle of the Sexes (1959)<br>Free Admission   | <a href="http://themagicklantern.com/Classics_Night.php">themagicklantern.com/Classics_Night.php</a> |
| Wednesday<br>September 3                          | Point Richmond<br>Neighborhood Council<br>Board Meeting  | Margaret Jordan<br>(510) 412-3673  |
| Friday<br>September 12<br>5:30 p.m.               | Point Richmond Music<br>American Nomad<br>and Times 4<br>Central Point Richmond                            | <a href="http://www.pointrichmondmusic.com">www.pointrichmondmusic.com</a>                           |
| Sunday<br>September 14<br>9 a.m. – 1 p.m.         | Red Oak Victory Ship<br>Pancake Breakfast<br>\$7 per person  | <a href="http://www.ssredoakvictory.com/calendar.htm">www.ssredoakvictory.com/calendar.htm</a>       |
| Saturday<br>September 20<br>7:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.   | 5 <sup>th</sup> Annual Keller Cove Swim for<br>Kids Sake<br>Benefit for Richmond Youth<br>Swimmers         | <a href="http://www.richmondswims.org">www.richmondswims.org</a>                                     |
| Thursday<br>September 25<br>7 p.m.                | Point Richmond<br>Neighborhood Council<br>Candidates for City Council<br>Richmond Yacht Club               | Margaret Jordan<br>(510) 412-3673  |

## Regularly Scheduled Events:

- Knit and Such: 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday, 1 – 3 p.m., Community Center.
- Point Richmond Business Association: 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday, 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m., Hotel Mac. Go to [www.prba.us/](http://www.prba.us/) to view the program and make reservation.
- Women’s Westside Improvement Club: 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday, from September through June, Point Richmond Methodist Church Hall. Bring your lunch at 11:30 a.m. and we’ll provide dessert and beverages.
- City Council Meetings: 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday, 6 p.m., City Council Chambers, Richmond.

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

**PAY DUES NOW AND YOU'RE COVERED UNTIL MAY 2015.** 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. Bring dues to next meeting or mail check and application to: **PRNC; P.O. Box 70386; Point Richmond, CA 94807 – DO NOT mail membership to PRNCC address in front of mailer – delivery will be delayed.**

New

Individual

Renewal

Household

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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***August Meeting: Wednesday, August 27, 7:30 p.m., Community Center***

***Please Note Changes for September Meeting:***

***Thursday, September 25, 7:00 p.m.***

***Richmond Yacht Club***



***Meet the Candidates  
for Richmond City Council***

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