



We've had an uptick in crimes in the last weeks in Point Richmond including an armed robbery at the pharmacy, a mugging at the ATM, and multiple car break-ins. In one incident Jean Knox who has lived in Point Richmond for over 50 years was quite seriously injured. We are all thinking of Jean and wishing her a speedy recovery. We are happy to report that Vern and his employees were not hurt during the robbery at the pharmacy.

While the increased crime has been extremely upsetting, it has mobilized the community to come together to work on the problem. Given our diversity we have seen a range of thoughts about how to best protect ourselves including various ideas on the use of surveillance cameras. By the time this newsletter is published we will have had an opportunity to hear from Captain Gagan, RPD Commander of Beat 1, at the PRBA meeting. We are expecting that our police department will give us guidance on how best to protect ourselves in the future. Two things we know for sure: we all have to be more observant and report suspicious activity to the police immediately, and we need more neighborhoods to form Neighborhood Watch Groups. We will have an extended discussion of the situation at our July meeting on July 30. Richmond Police will be there to speak and answer questions. **The discussion will start promptly at 7:30 p.m.**

Mayoral Debate—It's election time again. As we have in past years the PRNC will be hosting separate mayoral and city council candidate's nights. The Mayoral Debate is planned for our regular meeting night, August 27 at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Center. The format will be short presentations from the candidates, several predetermined questions from the PRNC Board, followed by 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.

We are planning a City Council Candidates' Night the last week of September. Details will follow.

New Board Member: Kathryn Dienst has agreed to serve as an At-Large member of the PRNC Board. Kathryn has a background in city planning. We are happy to welcome her to the Board.

Don't Miss These Important Discussions at the PRNC Meeting, July 30, 7:30:

- Crime Prevention in Point Richmond
- How to Prevent Identity Theft
- Update from Milo Foundation
- Why You Should Volunteer for the Writer Coach Connection

Safety Alert: At the Richmond Neighborhood Coordinating Council July meeting, a representative from the Fire Department reminded us that a state regulation requiring 10-year smoke alarms has been in effect since January 2014. 10-year alarms are available at most hardware stores.

Hope to see you at the next meeting.



Margaret Jordan, President
Point Richmond Neighborhood Council



AGENDA

Point Richmond Neighborhood Council
Wednesday, July 30, 2014
Point Richmond Community Center

- 7:30 **Call to order**
Approval of Minutes from June 25, 2014 2 minutes
- 7:32 **Police Report, Sgt. Armando Moreno, and Report from PRNC Safety and Crime Prevention Rep, Jon Sutinen, jsutinen@yahoo.com** 30 minutes
- 8:02 **President's Report, Margaret Jordan (510) 412-3673** 1 minute
- 8:03 **Report on Membership, Charmain Tyler (510-334-7267)** 1 minute
- 8:04 **Treasurer's Report, Garry Hurlbut (510) 237-6880** 1 minute
- 8:05 **Report from Land Use/Design Review Committee** 5 minutes

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 rdatre@live.com or (510) 232-5059. The LUDRC Committee meets monthly prior to the PRNC Meeting at 6 p.m. at Interactive Resources, 117 Park Place. Please attend if your project is being considered.

- 8:10 **How to Prevent ID Theft, Detective Tagorda, RPD Property Crimes Unit** 15 minutes
- 8:25 **Report on Milo Foundation, Lynn Tingle** 10 minutes
- 8:35 **Writer Coach Connection, June Pagelina** 12 minutes
- 8:47 **Committee Reports and Announcements from Non-profit Groups**
Regularly scheduled meetings are listed in the Calendar. (2 minutes each-up to 15 minutes)
- **Point Richmond Business Association, Dave Schoenthal, dbschoen@hotmail.com**
 - **Knit and Such, Terri Phillips, (510) 237-6865**
 - **Arts of Point Richmond, Altha Humphrey, (510) 232-2934**
 - **Red Oak Victory, George Coles, (510) 234-1045**
 - **Women's Westside Improvement Club, (Summer break)**
 - **Richmond Tennis, Garry Hurlbut, (510) 547-8111**
 - **Point Richmond History Association, Mid Dornan, (510) 234-5334**
 - **Masquers Playhouse, Kathe Kiehn, www.masquers.org**
 - **TRAC, Richmond Bay Trail, Bruce Beyaert, www.pointrichmond.com/baytrail**

- 9:02 **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, submit issues to Margaret Jordan at 510-412-3673, mjordan00@gmail.com or <http://www.pointrichmond.org/contact.cfm> prior to the next PRNC Board Meeting—June 30, 2014.*

- 9:12 **In Remembrance/Adjourn**



Point Richmond Neighborhood Council
General Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, June 25, 2014

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:37 p.m. and the minutes of the May 28, 2014 meeting were approved without changes.

2. Police Report (Sgt. Therriault) (Non-emergency number for police assistance 510-233-1214) and PRNC Safety and Crime Prevention Report (Jon Sutinen, jsutinen@yahoo.com): Nine crimes occurred in Point Richmond since last report: 6 vehicles stolen (mainly Hondas, all but one recovered), 1 spousal battery, 1 residential burglary resulting in arrest, and 1 recovered vehicle (stolen elsewhere). We were reminded not to leave valuables in cars, and to use a club to prevent theft. In response to questions on aggressive pan-handlers, we were told that we can call police for evaluation if mental health is suspected, and that outreach programs exist. A resident reported recycling thefts from her yard. If theft takes place on your property, it is a crime and should be reported. Taking recycling once bins are on the street is not a crime.

Jon mentioned crime prevention through environmental design. Homeowners can get a free assessment of their property's risk issues and suggestions for making their property safer. The link is at PRNC web site.

3. President's Report (Margaret Jordan, 510-412-3673):

- a. Be sure to always give your location immediately when calling 911 by cell.
- b. Several community center activities were mentioned for summer:
 - i. Kids in Motion day camp, Monday-Friday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., through August 15.
 - ii. During summer music, Community Center will open and hold activities for children.
- c. Volunteers are needed for a PRNC mailing. Those offering help at the meeting included Linda Newton, Diane Maria, Bill Guitan, Altha Humphrey and Kathryn Dienst. Contact Margaret.
- d. Candidate Nights: PRNC will host two candidate nights.
 - i. Mayor candidates – August 27 at Community Center, Pt. Richmond
 - ii. City Council candidates – September (TBA) probably in Brickyard area.
- e. Formula restaurant zoning change has stalled, and volunteers are sought for a rewrite to include all of Richmond (vs Pt. Richmond). City staff had changed proposal to just Point Richmond, at which point it failed to find City Council support.

4. Report from Land Use Design Review Committee

The Committee approved new 2'x3' window sign for **Clean Smiles**, a Dental Hygienist opening in September at 229A Tewksbury. Regulation now allows dental hygiene services to be offered independently from dentists, and this will be one of the first independent hygienist offices in SF Bay Area. Membership unanimously supported the LUDRC recommendation.

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5. Introduction of new Point Richmond Non-Profit: Let's Grow Richmond (Nate Trivers, Up and Under Pub and Grill) Nate introduced a new non-profit for eliminating hunger in Richmond. Collections of non-perishable food are done every two weeks. Coordinated food growing is also part of the program. Food will be donated to Grip Soup Kitchen and Richmond's Lutheran Church for distribution. Volunteers can sign up for a variety of grower or food collection roles. For more info: www.letsgrowrichmond.org.

6. Introduction of new Point Richmond Business "Wooly's": Owner **Jonea Schillaci** opened a hair salon at 123 Park Place in March. She has years of experience cutting hair for both men and women, specializing in organic color. Appointment by phone 510-237-0093 or online: www.schedulicity.com.

7. Veolia Presentation: Wet Weather Storage Basin Project. **Aaron Winer** from Veolia and **Chad Davisson** from the City handed out slides on a 5 million gallon storage tank to be constructed at 601 Canal Boulevard between July 2014 and October 2015. While current usage at Veolia is 5.5 to 6 million gallons per day in summer, and capacity is 16 million gallons per day, wet weather events have required additional peak storm storage. Some traffic impacts on Canal Boulevard will occur during construction.

8. **Bishop Alley Path:** Mike Sassi reported a new home construction at 70 Belvedere raised legal issues regarding an easement for Bishop Alley Path. City Council approved the proposed home, leaving a Superior Court option for recognition of the trail. However, with high legal costs, other options are being sought. One alternative is to move the path to another location. The final alternative is to accept loss of the path claim.

9. Chevron Modernization Project.

- a. July 9 & 10 Planning Commission will review the Chevron FEIR; City Council will hear it July 22 & 29th.
- b. Chevron gave a presentation on the Modernization Project at our May meeting.
- c. At June's meeting **Jeff Kilbreth** presented on behalf of the Richmond Environmental Justice Coalition. He made ten points regarding the project and EIR.
 - 1) Flexibility and accommodating a variety of sulphur levels in crude will increase profits by an estimated \$1M/year.
 - 2) Chevron seems more serious about improving safety than about reducing emissions.
 - 3) There are concerns about the quality of emission monitoring.
 - 4) The health risk models and their underlying epidemiological studies are inadequate.
 - 5) Chevron's proposed project would increase greenhouse gas emissions (GHG) and criteria air pollutant (CAP) emissions significantly.
 - 6) CA Attorney General has raised the legal issue that there is no compelling business need and no legal basis to allow Chevron to increase GHG or CAP emissions.
 - 7) Chevron is also proposing to increase almost 90 Toxic Air Contaminant (TAC) emissions significantly.
 - 8) With more modernization of the refinery, Chevron can reduce emissions by a significant amount – and should be encouraged to do so.
 - 9) The Attorney General's Office recommends we certify the EIR and approve the new alternative presented by the City's consultants that has no increase in GHG emissions.
 - 10) Chevron is proposing to mitigate only 1-2% of its proposed GHG emission increases through a local Community Greenhouse Gas Reduction Program (CGRP). This is unacceptable.

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.) No report.
- Knit and Such: (Terri Phillips (510) 237-6865) Meeting July 2 from 1-3 p.m., in Community Center.
- Arts of Point Richmond: (Altha Humphrey (510) 232-2934) They have a new window. Meeting July 10th from 7 to 8:30 p.m.
- Red Oak Victory Ship:(George Coles (510) 234-1045) Annual July 3rd barbeque and fireworks.
- Women's Westside Improvement Club: On summer break. Will start up again in September.
- Friends of Richmond Tennis: (Garry Hurlbut, glh@tai.org, (510) 547-8111) They have four teams in the playoffs.
- TRAC: (Bruce Beyaert) No report.
- Masquers Playhouse: (Kathe Kiehn, www.masquers.org) No report.

11. Public Forum

- a. **Cordell Hindler** distributed flyers for Monty Python's Spamalot, which plays Friday, Saturday and Sundays at the Contra Costa Civic Theater until July 13 (www.ccct.org, (510) 524-9132).
- b. **Uche Uwahemu**, candidate for Richmond Mayor introduced himself to the community. His education includes MBA/JD Law, and 20 years working in business development. He has been active in East Bay politics, but also has lived in Washington DC while on the White House Business Council. Please visit www.ucheforrichmond.org or call 510-398-6058 for more information.

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12. In Remembrance/Adjourn: Honored the two-week old niece of Cordell Hindler, Audrey Miranda. 9:00 pm. Meeting Adjourned

Minutes Submitted by Kathryn Dienst, PRNC Member At-Large

July 2014						
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CALENDAR

August 2014						
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DATE	EVENT	For More Information
Thursday July 24 7:30 p.m.	Magick Lantern Mystery Classics The Second Woman (1951) Free Admission	www.themagicklantern.com
Saturday July 26 8 - 10 a.m.	Birding the Bay Trail With EBRPD Naturalist T. Pierce Shimada Friendship Park	(510) 544-2233 pointrichmond.com/baytrail/calendar.htm
Wednesday July 30 7:30 p.m.	Point Richmond Neighborhood Council General Membership Meeting Point Richmond Community Center	Margaret Jordan, (510) 412-367
Monday August 4	Point Richmond Neighborhood Council Board Meeting	Margaret Jordan (510) 412-3673
Friday August 8 5:30 p.m.	Point Richmond Music Paula Harris & the Beasts of Blues and Frobeck Central Point Richmond	www.ssredoakvictory.com/calendar.htm
Sunday August 10 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Red Oak Victory Ship Pancake Breakfast \$7 per person	www.ssredoakvictory.com/calendar.htm
Wednesday August 27 7 p.m.	Point Richmond Neighborhood Council Candidates for Mayor Debate Point Richmond Community Center	Margaret Jordan (510) 412-3673

Regularly Scheduled Events:

- Knit and Such: 1st Wednesday, 1 – 3 p.m., Community Center.
- Point Richmond Business Association: 4th Wednesday, 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m., Hotel Mac. Go to www.prba.us/ to view the program and make reservation.
- Women’s Westside Improvement Club: 1st 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: 1st and 3rd Tuesday, 6 p.m., City Council Chambers, Richmond.

Be sure to visit www.pointrichmond.com for the most up-to-date “goings-on” around The Point

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New

Renewal

Individual

Household

Name _____

Mailing Address _____

Telephone _____ e-mail _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Stay Informed – Come to Membership Meetings

July 30

***How to Stop Crime
and Identity Theft***



August 27

***Meet the Candidates for
Richmond's New Mayor***



Coming in September: Meet the Candidates for Richmond City Council

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