



## Get to the Point! Your Point Richmond Neighborhood Update

**Our next meeting is Wednesday, November 28th at 7:30 pm  
Point Richmond Community Center, 139 Washington Avenue**

The big news here in the Point has been the impact of the oil spill on our shoreline. An enormous thank you goes out to Chris Spencer, our PRNC Second VP, who acted as the Spill Coordinator for the PRNC. Whether it was escorting out of town press off private property or meeting with Fish and Game – Chris was on the job immediately. Email updates were going out from Chris as soon as we got new information and he was posting the updates on the doors of the Community Center and in the markets for those of you who do not have email. Please know that DFG, IBRRC and all the other agencies involved were trying hard to help out here – there was/is a serious manpower shortage and the ability to use volunteers was thwarted by liability fears and lack of planning. These issues are being addressed and we will keep you updated. We will have a forum at our meeting on the 28<sup>th</sup> with the available officials that we have working with.

One thing became very evident – local response is critical in a larger scale crisis. This is where the PRNC and the Neighborhood Council system can be of the greatest service. **BUT WE NEED YOU TO JOIN SO THAT WE CAN CONTACT YOU!!!!** Our membership fees are minimal and we will grant a waiver of fees by merely writing the word “waiver” on your membership application. Please make sure your information is current and that you are a member, please ask your neighbors and friends to make sure that they have joined the PRNC. **THERE IS POWER AND STRENGTH IN NUMBERS!!**

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### **OIL SPILL UPDATED INFORMATION AS OF 11/15/07**

Government resource agencies are in need of written and photo documentation of on-the-ground pollution and fish and wildlife impacts around the entire Bay. You can help by surveying shoreline sites near you where the beaches are open or from a safe distance. Please document with photos and notes the date, time, location, estimate of the length and width of oil slicks on the shoreline, size of any globules, and any habitat or wildlife information. Agencies that need this information include: NOAA ([natalie.c-manning@noaa.gov](mailto:natalie.c-manning@noaa.gov)), Save The Bay ([mlatta@savesfbay.org](mailto:mlatta@savesfbay.org)); Baykeeper ([sara@baykeeper.org](mailto:sara@baykeeper.org)); and very likely other agencies so hang onto your information. Bruce Beyaert is passing on information regarding eelgrass in the Point Richmond shoreline area to NOAA and Save the Bay so you can send that information to him at [beyaert@earthlink.net](mailto:beyaert@earthlink.net). This information will be critical for future planning, research and to aid in remediation and litigation.

**PLEASE DO NOT ATTEMPT TO WASH, FEED OR HOUSE ANY OILED/INJURED WILDLIFE!** The use of protective clothing must be worn and environmental protocols must be followed to insure the safety of the public and the animals. The following contacts can help you with volunteering or reporting:

**REPORT OIL SIGHTINGS:** 985-781-0804

**INTERNATIONAL BIRD RESCUE RESEARCH CENTER (IBRRC):** 707-207-0380 (Press #5 for wildlife emergencies) You can also submit a sighting online at [http://ibrcc.org/found\\_oiled\\_bird.html](http://ibrcc.org/found_oiled_bird.html) **WILD CARE SAN RAFAEL:** 415-453-1000 (Will transport injured birds to IBRRC) **OILED WILDLIFE CARE NETWORK:** 415-701-2311 - To help the OWCN prepare food, build cages, answering phones, etc. call 800-228-4544 or visit

[www.owcn.com](http://www.owcn.com)

**LINE:** 877-823-6926 If you see an oiled marine mammal, bird or other  
228-4544.

**WILD LIFE HOT  
VOLUNTEER HOTLINE:** (800)

**WWW.BAYKEEPER.ORG:** Baykeeper is doing an incredible job – they are arranging for volunteer trainings and shoreline cleanups. Thanks to the pressure they've been putting on the cleanup agencies and to the grassroots cleanups of Kill the Spill, they are finally getting training opportunities out there. Participating in these trainings is the only way to legally help out with beach cleanups. Go to their website or email them at [volunteer@baykeeper.org](mailto:volunteer@baykeeper.org). They need volunteers to walk docks around the Bay to educate boat owners and marina operators on handling contaminated boats. They also want your documentation.

send photos [photos@savesfbay.org](mailto:photos@savesfbay.org)

**WWW.SAVESFBAY.ORG** - Check for updates and to

**HTTP://SFOILSPILL.BLOGSPOT.COM** - Check for updates and trainings

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**CRUCIAL MEETING!** – Please attend the Richmond City Council Meeting on **December 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.** The Richmond Neighborhood Coordinating Council and our member Neighborhood Councils are requesting that the RCC revisit the topic of combining the City Planning Commission and the Design Review Board. Before making a change of this magnitude, the RNCC is asking the City Council to apply the recommendations of the Zucker Report to streamline the current process and ensure the ability of residents to participate. The PRNC has voted to support this and we you to speak in our support!

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### **KEEP INFORMED!**

As well as being a member of the PRNC you may want to stay locally updated by subscribing to the Mayor's newsletter by emailing [mayornewsletter@yahoo.com](mailto:mayornewsletter@yahoo.com), or visit Tom Butt's Forum <http://www.tombutt.com/e-forum.htm> or <http://www.ci.richmond.ca.us/> or [www.pointrichmond.com](http://www.pointrichmond.com). **CHECK COMMUNITY CENTER DOORS FOR UPDATES FROM PRNC!**

Also Katherine Tam of the Contra Costa Times is providing excellent coverage of issues in our community and has written several recent articles:

**Oil Spill in Point Richmond area** [http://www.contracostatimes.com/search/ci\\_7458811?IADID=Search-www.contracostatimes.com-www.contracostatimes.com&nclick\\_check=1](http://www.contracostatimes.com/search/ci_7458811?IADID=Search-www.contracostatimes.com-www.contracostatimes.com&nclick_check=1)

**Permit Revocation that was backed by the PRNC In the East Bay Round Up for Richmond Third Item Down**  
[http://www.contracostatimes.com/search/ci\\_7403592?IADID=Search-www.contracostatimes.com-www.contracostatimes.com](http://www.contracostatimes.com/search/ci_7403592?IADID=Search-www.contracostatimes.com-www.contracostatimes.com)

**Antenna Moratorium that was backed by the PRNC**  
[http://www.contracostatimes.com/search/ci\\_7339000?IADID=Search-www.contracostatimes.com-www.contracostatimes.com](http://www.contracostatimes.com/search/ci_7339000?IADID=Search-www.contracostatimes.com-www.contracostatimes.com)

### **IMPORTANT DATES**

November 19: **Wireless Communication Facilities Workshop #1** 6:00 pm  
Council Chambers – 1401 Marina Way South – a hearing regarding the concerns of the community and wireless carriers related to wireless communication facilities.

- November 27: **Special Mtg of the Richmond City Council** 7:00 pm  
Council Chambers - 1401 Marina Way South – There will be an update regarding the City Manager’s negotiations with T-Mobile regarding the installation at 260 Water St. in Pt. Richmond.
- November 28: **November Meeting of the Design Review and Land Use Committee** 6:00 pm  
Interactive Resources, 117 Park Place, Point Richmond
- November 28: **November Meeting of the Neighborhood Council** 7:30 pm  
Point Richmond Community Center, 139 Washington Avenue
- November 29: **Wireless Communication Facilities Workshop #2** 6:00 pm  
Council Chambers – 1401 Marina Way South – Draft revisions to the wireless communication facilities ordinance for discussion prior to review by the Planning Commission and City Council.
- December: **No Meeting in December** – Please call a member of the board if any emergency issues arise.
- December 10: **Richmond City Council Meeting with DRB issue on the Agenda** 7:00 pm  
Council Chambers – 1401 Marina Way South – The Richmond Neighborhood Coordinating Council and its member Neighborhood Councils are requesting that the Richmond City Council revisit the topic of combining the City Planning Commission and the Design Review Board.
- January 11: **Last day to submit projects to the Design Review and Land Use Committee for their January 30, 2008 meeting.** Projects submitted after January 11<sup>th</sup> may be heard but action cannot be taken on them at this meeting. Contact Rod Satre at 510-232-5059 or [rdsatre@netzero.net](mailto:rdsatre@netzero.net) with your agenda item.
- January 11: **Last day to suggest topics for the January 30, 2008 Council meeting.** Submit suggestions to Robin Carpenter at [balsora@aol.com](mailto:balsora@aol.com) or call 510-232-8175.
- January 30: **January Meeting of the Design Review and Land Use Committee** 6:00 pm  
Interactive Resources, 117 Park Place, Point Richmond
- January 30: **January 2008 Meeting of the Neighborhood Council** 7:30 pm  
Point Richmond Community Center, 139 Washington Avenue

#### **Holiday Events in the Point**

- 11/22 Point Richmond “Turkey Shoot” on Thanksgiving Day. A 30 “odd” year tradition. Meet at 10:00 am in front of the Plunge and parade to The Spot
- 11/22 Thanksgiving Day Feast – Free Dinner at the Point Richmond Methodist Church from 12:15 pm to 2:15 pm
- 11/24 Tree Lighting from 5:30pm – 7:00 pm with carols, tree lighting and refreshments
- 11/29 PRNC/PRBA Fundraiser Dinner at the Hotel Mac and “Little Miss Sunshine” at the Masquers Playhouse \$40
- 12/7 Women’s Westside Improvement Club Centennial Fund Raiser Progressive Dinner - \$70
- 12/14 Holiday Parade Sponsored by the Community Center at sunset.
- 12/23 Christian Science Church – Christmas Service and Sunday School 10:00 am
- 12/24 Pt. Richmond Methodist Church Christmas Eve Service 7:00pm
- 12/24-25 Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church - Christmas Eve Mass at 9:00pm and Christmas Day Mass at 9:30am

#### **Point Richmond Neighborhood Council Minutes October 24, 2007 - Point Richmond Community Center**

President Robin Carpenter called meeting to order at 7:35 pm.

- A) **Agenda** was reviewed and the September **Minutes** were approved with the correction of Joan Gatten’s phone to 234-0727.
- B) **Reports, Police, Fire Departments & Safety:** there was no police report. Capt. Jim Russey of the Point Richmond Fire Station gave an overview of the Point Richmond Fire Station and in response to questions reported that the Station has been open 24/7 since the summer of 2005. Also that the Richmond has sent 2 volunteer crews to Southern California to help with fighting the wild fires

currently out of control there. Similar fire danger here is unlikely because of our recent rains. Attendees asked about the “awful” fuel smells present in our neighborhood lately. Discussion followed with the recommendation that Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD) be contacted at 800-334-6367. **PRNC Safety Committee:** Joan Gatten 234-0727 asked anyone interested in the following items to call her: 1) Re-certification in the REACT program, 2) CPR or First Aid Training, 3) Keller Beach closed for sewage spills and 4) Forming a Safety Planning committee in the Point.

- C) **Richmond Neighborhood Coordinating Council (RNCC)** Robin reported that the RNCC has unanimously voted to oppose the merging of the City’s Planning Commission and Design Review Board. The RNCC will write a formal letter to the Mayor and City Council Members and encourage each Neighborhood Council to do the same.
- D) **Membership Report:** Thank everyone for their membership dues; provide statistics showing the increase in membership over last year and the results of efforts at the Indian Statue Day event and label “reminders” on the mailings of Agenda/Minutes.
- F) **Treasurer’s Report:** Margaret Morkowski that an additional \$160 of dues has been deposited since the last meeting; additional dues have been received since that time. Checks were issued for the Indian Statue Day event, Tent City food item donations, website expenses. The General Fund Balance is approximately \$8, 500.

G) Updates **from other committees:** The Save the Plunge committee announced that the city should be issuing the request for bids on the plunge in mid-November with a selection of the contractor to be made in December and work to start in mid-to-late February. Call Rosemary Corbin at 235-5779. The Women’s Westside Improvement Club will be celebrating their Centennial in 2008. There will be a Progressive Dinner Fund Raiser on Friday, December 7<sup>th</sup>. \$70. The Point Richmond Business Association is sponsoring the 30<sup>th</sup> “odd” annual “Turkey Shoot” on Thanksgiving morning November 22<sup>nd</sup> at 10:00 am ... meet in front of the Plunge, walk to The Spot, buy yourself a shot of Wild Turkey and join in the “poetry reading” while celebrating life in the Point. Pt Richmond Methodist Church will serve a free Thanksgiving Dinner from 12:15 pm to 2:15 pm November 22<sup>nd</sup>. The Pt. Business Association and PRNC are co-sponsoring the Annual Tree Lighting in the Point on Saturday, November 24. Caroling will begin at 5:30 pm with the tree lighting at 6:00 pm followed by refreshments. The PRNC and PRBA are co-sponsoring a fundraiser dinner at the MAC and “Little Miss Sunshine” at The Masquers Playhouse at 6:00 pm Thursday, November 29<sup>th</sup>. Point Richmond Community Center: Vincent Seymour (233-6881) Recreation Leader for the Center thanked the Home Depot of Hercules for donating the materials, supplies and labor to remodel the Community Center. Vincent was the interior designer for the project, choosing the colors and items to beautifully furnish the center. Thanks to Vincent and Home Depot for a wonderful job. Vincent also discussed some of the programs and classes he has scheduled for the Center. Check the flyers and schedules posted at the center. The PRNC thanked Vincent for his efforts and enthusiasm and warmly welcomed him officially to the Point. The Point Richmond Gateway Foundation announced the recipients of their grant awards. The award funds will partially fund these projects. 1) The Point Richmond History Association: a larger cabinet for museum archives and displays 2) Point Richmond Neighborhood Council....establish a council website with archives, 3) Point Richmond Methodist Church.... restoration of the church historic brickwork 4) Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church....a hand carved wooden sign for front of the historic church 5) Linda Newton & Committee ... explore possibility for the Point of “The Village” concept, based on Boston's Beacon Hill project, to establish a clearing house for services for seniors and the disabled to allow them to stay in their homes longer, 6) Judy Rattner... a children’s mural at Washington School on "physical activity" to compliment the previous mural on "healthy eating" in the School's multi-purpose room, 7) Point Richmond Business Association... crime prevention activities such as signage, security lighting, outreach and education. 8) Point Richmond Landscape Advisory Committee... plants and trees for various projects including the Indian Statue/Fire Station/Community Center triangle area, 9) Parents Resources and More (PRAM)... operational costs for pre-school children's activities at the Washington Field House, 10) Women's Westside Improvement Club... wooden protective arch and plants for the Point's Street Directory Map.

H.) **PRNC’s Design Review & Land Use Committee:** At the 6:00 pm meeting Study Sessions were held for the Driveway permit application at 212 Washington, applicant Linda Newton and for the restoration of the house at the corner of Washington and Crest, applicant Curt Rocca. The DR &LUC recommended to the PRNC members the approval for the vacation of the paper street at the top of Alvarado Street, applicants Deborah Stearns and Jeff Lee. After clarification of terms and discussion the general membership of the PRNC voted to approve the application with the condition that a 5’ easement for a “paper path” be included in the final plans.

I) **Old Business: None** J) **New Business: None**

K) **Public Form:** (each speaker has 2 minutes each) 1) Altha Humphrey presented concerns with the way the AFT, the County Health Department and the Richmond Police Department conducted their inspections of the Santa Fe and Pt. Richmond Markets. 2) RAP4Richmond provided a short update and announced the 2 Public Hearings at the City Council Meeting on possible revocation of the permit for the T-Mobil antenna on Water Street. 3) Jessie West presented her concerns about the foul smells 4) Paige Poulos updated the members on the discussions with of the Kozy Kove neighbors. She indicated that they are close to resolving everyone’s concerns. 5) Philip Rosenthal presented a letter from Gina Reitz Cochran to Tom Butt describing her concerns about the T-Mobil Antenna on Water Street. A copy of the letter is available in the PRNC archives. 6) Steve Spencer suggested that he is currently interested in installing Solar Panels at his home and has done some research on the possibility of getting “group” rates if additional homeowners are interested. He asked if the PRNC Board would be interested in facilitating a way to educate and inform residents on this issue. 7) Richard Lompa

expressed his concerns on the ATF's, etc. conduct during the inspection at the 2 markets. ...On this inspection and the inspections of most of the Point restaurants which took place in the same manner a few months ago, Margaret commented that on October 23, 2007 she sent an E-Mail to John Gioia addressing the community's concerns on this matter. John returned her message the next day saying he would look into the matter and get back to her.



**Robin Carpenter, President; Don Woodrow, First Vice President;  
Chris Spencer, Second Vice President; Rod Satre, Secretary;  
Margaret Morkowski, Treasurer**

**AGENDA**  
**Wednesday, November 28, 2007 7:30 pm**  
**Point Richmond Community Center, 139 Washington Avenue**

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| 7:30 | Call to Order.  | <i>1 minute</i>              |
| 7:31 | Agenda Review and approval of the minutes from the October meeting  | <i>2 minutes</i>             |
| 7:33 | Reports: Beat Officer or Sgt. David Harris, Non-emergency calls 233-1214.   | <i>5 minutes</i>             |
| 7:38 | Our representatives to the RCPC (Richmond Crime Prevention Commission)<br>Tom Brichta 415-686-1522 and Steve Spencer 510- 233-3040  | <i>2 minutes</i>             |
| 7:40 | Shift Captain for the Point on Duty Richmond Fire Department  | <i>5 minutes</i>             |
| 7:45 | Forum on the Oil Spill (Fire/Police/SavetheBay/DFG/IBRRC,etc...,per avail)  | <i>35 minutes</i>            |
| 8:20 | PRNC Safety Committee Report – Joan Gatten 234-0727   | <i>3 minutes</i>             |
| 8:23 | RNCC (Richmond Neighborhood Coordinating Council) Report  | <i>3 minutes</i>             |
| 8:26 | Membership report - Chris Spencer   | <i>2 minutes</i>             |
| 8:28 | Treasurer's report – Margaret Morkowski   | <i>2 minutes</i>             |
| 8:30 | Community Center report –Vincent Seymour 233-6881   | <i>2 minutes</i>             |
| 8:32 | Updates from Neighborhood, City and PRNC Committees 1 minute each   | <i>6 minutes</i>             |
|      | The Plunge – Margaret Morkowski   |                              |
|      | Point Richmond History Association (PRHA) – Mid Dornan  |                              |
|      | TRAC – Bruce Beyear 235-2835  |                              |
|      | Landscape Advisory Committee – Connie Lompa 237-7888  |                              |
|      | Women's Westside Improvement Club (WWIC) – Margaret Morkowski 234-4219  |                              |
|      | Point Richmond Business Association (PRBA) – Marsha Tomassi 215-6133  |                              |
| 8:38 | Summary of Land Use & Design Review Committee recommendations -Consent<br>Two projects have been brought to the committee this month:<br>595 Washington - Washington and Crest, modify roof for observation deck.<br>442 Golden Gate Avenue – new home  | <i>10 minutes</i>            |
| 8:48 | LU/DR Committee items removed from the consent calendar will be considered  | <i>10 minutes</i>            |
|      | <i>If you are aware of someone planning to construct or modify a building in the Point, please have them contact Rod Satre at 510-232-5059 or rdsatre@netzero.net to arrange a review by this Committee. The Committee meets on the same evening as the Council, at 6 pm, in the meeting room of Interactive Resources, 117 Park Place, Point Richmond. NOTE: It is important that applicants discuss their project with their neighbors before review by this Committee.</i> |                              |
| 8:58 | Old Business:   | <i>3 minutes</i>             |
| 9:01 | New Business  | <i>5 minutes</i>             |
| 9:06 | Public Forum  | <i>If needed: 16 minutes</i> |

*Note: Public Forum items are for public information only; no action can be taken on them. If you have an action item, please contact a board member prior to November 9th to have it considered for the agenda of the Council's November 28th meeting.*

9:22 Adjourn

**For further information regarding the agenda, excluding Design Review and Land Use Committee matters, contact Robin Carpenter at 510-232-8175 or balsora@aol.com. PRNC members who provide an e-mail address will receive the Newsletter electronically and get email updates. Members who wish to receive the Newsletter by surface mail as well as email should make their wishes known to Chris Spencer at prncvp2@yahoo.com**

