

ON POINT July 2013



I hope everyone is enjoying our windy, sunny, cool July! See the calendar for enjoyable activities in Point Richmond.

National Night Out 2013: This year Richmond will celebrate the 30th National Night Out, a program designed to build community spirit and decrease crime. Many communities across the city will have block parties to celebrate community as an important factor in crime prevention. Although we will not have a NNO Party in Point Richmond (let us know if you would be willing to work on a party for next year), this is a wonderful, joyful opportunity to get to know our neighbors across the city. The kick-off party will be starting at 5 pm in front of City Hall at the Civic Center Plaza. The wrap-up party is from approximately 8 pm on, at the same spot. At approximately 6 pm, car caravans headed up by police and fire vehicles will head out to the North, Central, and South District neighborhood parties (maps will be available). There will be food, music, and good conversation. Join the fun and spread the spirit of unity in Richmond on Tuesday, August 6. For more information contact Crime Prevention Manager Michelle Milam at mmilam@richmondpd.net, phone (510)620-6538.

Keep the Bay Clean: Lynne Scarpa, Manager of Richmond's Stormwater Program, works to maintain a healthy Bay by keeping pollutants out of the storm drain system and creeks that empty into the Bay. Lynne is a dynamic speaker with lots of good ideas to help us preserve our environment and the Bay. Lynne will be at our meeting to talk about environmentally friendly pest control, and she will be available to answer questions on other related topics.

Moving Forward: Last month I encouraged all residents to join the PRNC and attend meetings. This appeal still stands. In addition, the PRNC Board is planning to hold a ½ day retreat in the Fall to plan our direction moving forward. We think we've done a good job of holding relevant monthly meetings and responding to issues as they arise. But we'd like to "up the game" and take initiative to develop projects that will be a positive force in the community. All interested members are invited. Details will follow. In the meantime, feel free to call or e-mail with your ideas.

Tunnel Update: Good news: the voids have been closed to prevent rocks falling down. Once the voids' "plugging" cures, a concrete/rebar reinforcement will be completed. Expected completion: 6-8 weeks!

Formula Restaurant Ordinance: Finally! The proposed ordinance will be going to the Planning Commission for approval on Thursday, August 1, at 6:30 in the City Council Chambers. We hope there will be a large supportive audience from the community.

Important Items at Meeting, July 31, 7:30 at the Community Center:

- Update on Formula Restaurant Ban Ordinance
- Meet Kory Judd, the new General Manager at the Chevron Refinery.
- Learn about environmentally friendly pest control from Lynne Scarpa, Manager Richmond Stormwater Program (see above).
- Hear about Friends of Richmond Public Library Bookmobile Campaign

Join or renew your membership at our monthly meeting, by mail at PRNC, POB 70386, Pt. Richmond, 94807, or at the PRNC table on Thursdays at the Farmers' Market (\$10/individual, \$15/family; waived for need).

Margaret Jordan, President

Point Richmond Neighborhood Council

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AGENDA

Point Richmond Neighborhood Council Wednesday, July 31, 2013 Point Richmond Community Center

7:30	Call to Order		
	Approval of Minutes from June 26, 2013	2 minutes	
7:32	Police Report	10 minutes	
7:42	President's Report, Margaret Jordan (510) 412-3673	5 minutes	
7:47	Report on Membership, Charmain Tyler (510)-334-7267	2 minutes	
7:49	Treasurer's Report, Garry Hurlbut (510) 547-8111	2 minutes	
7:51	Report from Land Use/Design Review Committee	1 minute	
	Items to be considered at the Committee's August 28, 2013 meeting must be substituted Committee Chair by Tuesday, August 13, 2013 . Contact Rod at <u>rdsatre@live.co</u> LUDRC Committee meets monthly prior to the PRNC Meeting at 6 pm at Interact Place. Please attend if your project is being considered.	om or (510)232-5059. The	
7:52	Environmentally Friendly Garden Pest Control (Lynne Scarpa, Manager, Richmond Stormwater Control)	12 minutes	
8:04	Meet Kory Judd, New General Manager at Chevron Refinery	12 minutes	
8:16	Friends of Richmond Library-		
	New Bookmobile (Sandi Genser-Mack)	10 minutes	
8:26	Update on Formula Restaurant Ordinance (Linda Newton)	10 minutes	
8:36	Committee Reports and Announcements from non-profit groups (Regularly scheduled meetings times are in the Calendar)		
	2 minutes each (up to 15 minutes)		
	-Point Richmond Business Association, Dave Schoenthal, <u>dbschoeners</u> Agreed and Crime Prevention, Jon Sutinen, jsutinen@yahoo.com -Safety and Crime Prevention, Jon Sutinen, jsutinen@yahoo.com -Knit and Such, Terri Phillips, (510) 237-6865 -Arts of Point Richmond, Altha Humphrey, (510) 232-2934 -Red Oak Victory Ship, George Coles, (510) 234-1045 -Richmond Tennis, Garry Hurlbut, (510) 547-8111 -Point Richmond History Association, Mid Dornan, (510) 234-533 -Masquers Playhouse, Kathe Kiehn, www.masquers.org		

8:51 **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 or http://www.pointrichmond.org/contact.cfm prior to the next PRNC Board Meeting—scheduled for August 1, 2013.



Point Richmond Neighborhood Council

General Meeting Minutes Wednesday, June 26, 2013

- 1. The meeting was called to order at 7:36pm
- 2. Minutes of May 29, 2013 meeting were approved.
- **3. Police Report (Officer Yesinia Rogers <u>yrogers@richmondpd.net</u>, 510-621-1212 x-1715) (Non-emergency number for police assistance 510-233-1214). Officer Rogers reported for May and June that there were 25 offenses reported. One incident of each of the following: battery, burglary, commercial burglary, forgery, mental disorder, recovered property, residential burglary, strongarm robbery, and a warrant arrest.** There were 3 auto burglaries, 4 incidents of vehicle theft and recovered stolen vehicles, and 5 petty thefts. She also reminded us to call if we see anything suspicious.
- **4. President's Report (Margaret Jordan, President 510-412-3673)** Margaret reported that the Richmond Public Library is trying to purchase a bookmobile, and there is a campaign to raise money. Please visit the website (www.rplf.org) if interested in supporting this cause. She also talked about the Walk in the Park event that was held June 8th, and that there are forms available to express your ideas of what you would like to see happen at Miller Knox Park. Margaret mentioned that the Board is working on increasing membership. A postcard is being developed and we are reaching out to people to encourage joining and keeping current on dues. Next meeting is July 31, 2013.
- **5. Membership Report (Charmain Tyler 510-334-7267)** May 1st is the membership renewal date each year. Currently there are 122 paid members.
- **6. Treasurer's Report (Garry Hurlbut 510-237-6880)** General Fund \$8594, Bishop Alley Fund \$711.06, and WigWag Fund \$2,970.94(for which we are custodians), **Total Balance: \$12276.**
- 7. Report from Land Use Design Review Committee No report.
- **Items to be considered at the Committee's July 9, 2013 meeting must be submitted to Rod Satre, Committee Chair by Tuesday, June 4. Contact Rod at rdsatre@live.com or (510)232-5059. The LUDRC meets monthly prior to the PRNC Meeting at 6pm at Interactive Resources, 117 Park Place. Please attend if your project is being considered.
- **8.Update on Chevron Gun Range Project (Mark Piersante)** Mark Piersante, along with representatives from Chevron and Richmond PD, spoke to us about the project at Chevron Gun Range. Message expressed was that the project was not an expansion of use, buildings or hours, but an improvement to existing structures and landscaping. This range is not open to the public and is for use for Chevron employees as well as for a training facility for Richmond Police Department and other regional law enforcement entities. Concerns were raised by some PRNC members that there will be an increase in noise with this project and concerns about the current noise. It was suggested that noise complaints should be called into the Richmond Police and it was proposed that a "hot line" possibly be developed for residents to call with concerns and complaints.
- **9.** Safety at the Richmond BART Station/Garage (BART officers Bob Lam, Carolyn Perea and Michael Shepard. Sharon Kidd from BART Citizen Review Board) BART officers provided PRNC members an energetic presentation discussing the safety measures that are in place at the new Richmond BART garage. There are 63 cameras in place throughout the garage as well as patrolling officers from BART, Richmond PD and Contra Costa County. Request for an escort to your car is available for patrons at the agent booth.

Safety at Richmond BART, continued.

Officers are committed to patron safety and encourage reporting any suspicious behavior by calling 1-877-679-7000 or pressing the call button onboard each car. They reviewed tips to help you use BART safely... Be alert to your surroundings, keep valuables to yourself and make eye contact with people around you. Sharon Kidd talked about the BART Citizen Review Board, which reviews complaints against officers. They meet once a month. If interested please call 510-845-3560.

- **10. Neighborhood Cleanup (Margaret Jordan)** There will be a neighborhood cleanup at Washington School on July 27 from 8-12. This is an opportunity to drop off anything you want to get rid of, except hazardous waste. This is only for Richmond residents, so be sure to bring an ID when dropping off. For senior residents there is a curbside pick up option. Please call 510-620-5503 by July 25th at noon for this service.
- 11. Formula Restaurant Ordinance (Margaret Jordan) Draft of the ordinance has been completed and the next step is that it will be brought to the Planning Commission on July 8. Members are encouraged to reach out to the commissioners in support of this ordinance and to attend the meeting and speak on its' behalf. Margaret emphasized that this is not a given, and that community support is needed to move this through. Please contact Margaret for further information.
- 12. Tunnel Update (Garry Hurlbut) Tunnel to be open mid July.

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

<u>Point Richmond Business Association</u> (David Schoenthal dbschoen@hotmail.com) PRBA meetings are the 2nd Wednesday each month. July meeting is the 10th at the Hotel Mac from 11:30 to 1. They have recently gotten 3 new members!

<u>Farmer's Market</u> (David Schoenthal <u>dschoen@hotmail.com</u>) Market on July 4th will be a morning market, beginning at 9am. Parade starts at 10am at the Plunge.

Women's Westside Improvement Club (contact Norma Jean Wallace 510-439-8360 for information) Next meeting is July 2, 11:30am Methodist Church. Linda Newton talked about an upcoming event supporting the East Bay Regional Parks on August 24th from 8-12. Mark your calendars, volunteers needed and more information to follow.

<u>Knit and Such</u> (Altha Humphrey 510-232-2934) Next meeting July 10. New hours are from 1pm-3pm at the Community Center.

Arts of Point Richmond(Altha Humphrey) Art walk is the 3rd Thursday each month.

Red Oak Victory Ship (George Coles)

<u>Friends of Richmond Tennis</u> (Garry Hurlbut <u>glh@tai.org</u>) Junior tennis program going well. Getting estimates for the 2nd court behind the Plunge! Contact Garry for more info.

Point Richmond History Association (Mid Dornan 510-234-5334)

Masquers Playhouse (Kathe Kiehn www.masquers.org) Closer Than Ever is the production at Masquers. Summer Theater Program for Youth called Stage One, is from July 8-26. For more information on this program please contact Suzan Lorraine at 925-429-1184.

Safety and Crime Prevention (Jon Sutinen, jsutinen@yahoo.com) No report.

14. Public Forum

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15. **In Remembrance/Adjourn** Remembering Jean Womack, a creative artist who was wonderful with children. 9:07pm meeting adjourned.

Becky Garcia, PRNC Secretary (510-237-1752 or bgonthego@gmail.com)

CALENDAR

Date	Event	For more information
Saturday, July 27, 8 am-12 noon	Point Richmond Neighborhood Clean- Up, in front of Washington Elementary School, 565 Wine St.	See attached flyer
Wednesday, July 31, 7:30 pm	Point Richmond Neighborhood Council General Meeting, Point Richmond Community Center, 339 Washington Ave	Call Margaret Jordan 412-3673
Thursday, August 1, 6:30 pm	PRNC Board Meeting	Call Margaret Jordan, 412-3673, for location
Tuesday, August 6, 6 pm	National Night Out, caravan through the city, begins at Civic Center Plaza	Crime Prevention Manager, Michelle Milam, (510) 620-6538, mmilam@richmondpd.net
Friday, August 9, 5:30-8 pm	Point Richmond Music Festival, The Rusty String Express, 5:30, Jenny Kerr, 6:45, Washington Ave. and Park Place	Go to pointrichmondmusic.com
Saturday, August 10, 2-3:30 pm	Our Health Care, a movie narrated by Kiefer Sutherland, at the Magick Lantern Theater, 125 Park Place (behind Starbucks)	Magik Lantern, 234-1404
August 23- September 28, Thursdays and Weekends	Masquers Playhouse : The Lieutenant Of Inishmore	Masquers.org for tickets and reservations

Regularly Scheduled Events:

- **Point Richmond Farmers' Market**: Every Thursday, 4-7 pm. Volunteers Needed! Contact Dave Schoenfeld (dschoen@hotmail.com) if you can give an hour or two on a Thursday from 3-7 pm.
- Knit and Such: 1st Wednesday, 12:30-2:30, Point Richmond Community Center.
- Point Richmond Art Walk: 3rd Thursday, 6-9 pm.
- **Point Richmond Business Association**: 2nd Wednesday, 12 noon. Go to <u>www.prba.us/</u> to view the program and make reservation.
- Westside Women's Improvement Club: 1st Tuesday, from September through June, Point Richmond Methodist Church Hall. Bring your lunch at 11:30 am and we'll provide dessert and beverages. The program and meetings begin around 12:15 pm.
- City Council Meetings: 1st and 3rd Tuesday, 6 pm, City Council Chambers.

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

PAY DUES NOW AND YOU'RE COVERED TILL MAY 2014. 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 □ Renewal		☐ Individual ☐ Household
Name		
Mailing Address		
Telephone	e-mail	
Signature	Date_	

Point Richmond Annual Cleanup Day: Saturday, July 27 8 am to 12 noon Washington School



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