



# On Point

April 2023

## Spring is in full swing, and so is the PRNC!

This month we will host County Supervisor **John Gioia**. John will discuss homelessness and briefly touch on refinery concerns. There will be time for questions and answers.

Both of these issues are too complicated to fully address in this meeting, but we hope that this will open a communication to provide a bigger picture when we have local guests on these and other topics.

Peter will update us on the search for new board members.

## Now...on to the fun stuff!

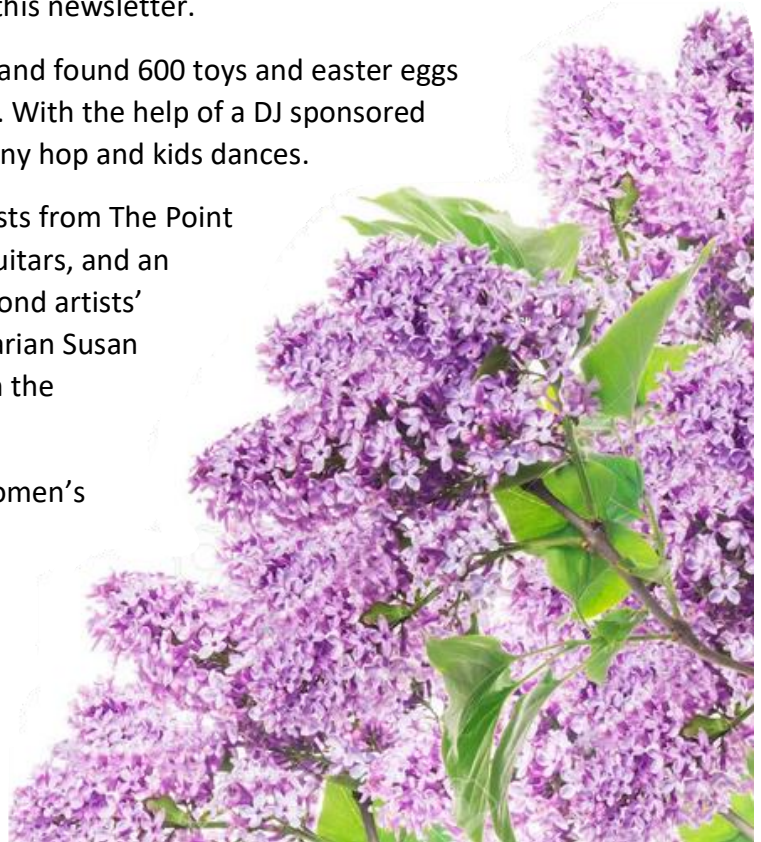
The Spring Fling was a blast on April 8<sup>th</sup>. The event was combined with The Arts of Point Richmond's Art Stroll and included a Kid's Zone of games provided by PRAM and giveaways and a booth by CERT. See photos included in this newsletter.

What seemed like a billion kids searched and found 600 toys and easter eggs which were filled with candy and stickers. With the help of a DJ sponsored by the PRNC, there were egg races, a bunny hop and kids dances.

The Arts of Point Richmond had local artists from The Point displaying and selling their artwork, art guitars, and an (ongoing) display and sale of Point Richmond artists' work at the Point Richmond Gallery. Librarian Susan White and her volunteers made hats with the children.

An additional "shout out" goes to The Women's Westside Improvement Club, who spent days preparing, cleaning and replanting the town triangle. All of the organizations recruited volunteers and were thankful for their help.

We'll see you on April 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM via the space-age miracle that is Zoom.



## Philip Rosenthal

President -- Point Richmond Neighborhood Council

*The PRNC and LUDRC are advisory only capacity and cannot approve or deny anything beyond "Recommendations for Development" to the City of Richmond. Our role is to mitigate conflict at the local level.*



## Point Richmond Neighborhood Council General Membership Meeting

Wednesday April 26th at 7:30 pm

Virtual Meeting via Zoom (see access info in email)

[PointRichmondNeighborhood@gmail.com](mailto:PointRichmondNeighborhood@gmail.com)

# AGENDA

<b>7:30</b>	<b>Call to order and approval of March 29, 2023 meeting minutes</b>	<b>3 minutes</b>
<b>7:33</b>	<b>Police Report, Sergeant Patchin &amp; Officer Tagorda</b>	<b>15 minutes</b>
<b>7:48</b>	<b>President's Report, Philip Rosenthal</b>	<b>5 minutes</b>
<b>7:53</b>	<b>Treasurer's Report, Margi Sullivan</b>	<b>1 minute</b>
<b>7:54</b>	<b>Membership Report, Buzz Baylis</b>	<b>1 minute</b>
<b>7:55</b>	<b>Supervisor John Gioia, County Homelessness Update; Q&amp;A</b>	<b>15/30 minutes</b>
<b>8:40</b>	<b>Community Briefs, Part 1 (2 minutes each)</b>	<b>14 minutes</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Masquers Playhouse</b>, Francis Smith, <a href="http://masquers.org">masquers.org</a></li><li>• <b>Richmond Neighborhood Coordinating Council</b>, Cordell Hindler, <a href="http://richmondneighbors.org">richmondneighbors.org</a></li><li>• <b>Richmond Tennis and Hurlbut Benevolent Fund</b>, Garry &amp; Maryn Hurlbut, (510)547-8111</li><li>• <b>USS Red Oak Victory Ship</b>, Graham Perrett, <a href="http://redoakvictory.us">redoakvictory.us</a></li><li>• <b>Women's Westside Improvement Club</b>, Diane Diani, <a href="http://pointrichmond.com/wwic">pointrichmond.com/wwic</a></li><li>• <b>Table Tennis</b>, Peter Thelin, <a href="mailto:pthelin1@yahoo.com">pthelin1@yahoo.com</a> or Greg Larson, <a href="mailto:gdi1mail@gmail.com">gdi1mail@gmail.com</a></li><li>• <b>Rosie the Riveter National Historical Park</b>, James Davis, <a href="mailto:jimmsjc@hotmail.com">jimmsjc@hotmail.com</a></li></ul>	
<b>8:54</b>	<b>Land Use Design Review Committee (LUDRC), Charmain Tyler</b>	<b>N/A</b>
	<p>Project: none</p> <p>Items to be considered at the LUDRC meeting must be submitted to Rod Satre, Committee Chair, at <a href="mailto:rdatre@live.com">rdatre@live.com</a> (510) 232-5059, at least two weeks prior to the General Membership Meeting.</p> <p>The LUDRC meets monthly prior to the PRNC General Membership meeting, at 6:00 pm.</p>	
<b>8:54</b>	<b>Community Briefs, Part 2 (2 minutes each)</b>	<b>14 minutes</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>PR CERT</b>, Charmain Tyler, <a href="mailto:charmain.tyler@gmail.com">charmain.tyler@gmail.com</a>, (510) 334-7267</li><li>• <b>Point Richmond Business Association</b>, Karen Buchanan, <a href="http://pointrichmondbusiness.com">pointrichmondbusiness.com</a></li><li>• <b>Point Richmond History Association</b>, Bonnie Jo Cullison, <a href="http://pointrichmondhistory.org">pointrichmondhistory.org</a></li><li>• <b>Arts of Point Richmond</b>, Mary Lee Cole, <a href="http://artsofpointrichmond.com">artsofpointrichmond.com</a></li><li>• <b>Magick Lantern</b>, Kate Spaulding, <a href="http://MagickLantern.org">MagickLantern.org</a>, <a href="mailto:magick-lantern@att.net">magick-lantern@att.net</a>, (510)232-2559</li><li>• <b>PRAM</b>, Chrissie Bradley, <a href="http://pram.net">pram.net</a></li><li>• <b>HOA's in Brickyard Cove</b>, Community</li></ul>	
<b>9:08</b>	<b>Public Forum and Introductions for New Residents &amp; Businesses</b>	<b>10 minutes</b>
<b>9:18</b>	<b>In Remembrance and Celebration</b>	<b>5 minutes</b>
<b>9:23</b>	<b>Adjourn</b>	



## Point Richmond Neighborhood Council

# General Meeting Minutes

Wednesday MARCH 29, 2023

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**Wed, Mar 29, 2023, 7:30PM**

Philip Rosenthal, Leisa Johnson, Margi Sullivan, Buzz Bayless, Peter Thelin, Charmain Tyler.

Speakers present: Dominique & Emmet Kauffman – The Backyard, Bianca Zepada and Juvnal Magana  
Biancoveride – Hotel Mac, Susan White – Point Richmond librarian.

### Call to Order

**President's Report** – Philip Rosenthal: The Spring Fling Art Stroll is on target for Saturday, April 8th. The PRNC portion will include children's activities and games which will begin at 11 o'clock and run until one o'clock. This will include an Egg Hunt, cakewalk and egg races. We've got lots of prizes and the Arts of Point Richmond Art Stroll will go on until four o'clock.

Regarding the Janice Playlot project. The tree trimming company trimmed the palm trees. Beginning early to mid-summer, we'll have a community cleanup day to spruce up the park.

**Treasurer's report** – Margi Sullivan; \$20,000 in the bank.

**Membership report** – Buzz Baylis; 155 paid members.

Motion to approve the Minutes from the last meeting and seconded, all approved.

**No police report.** Sergeant Patchin has not responded to emails.

**Ferry Point Sewer Pump Station Improvement Project:** I'm Jacqueline Majors doing community outreach for the City of Richmond on the sewer pump station improvement project. I will join you monthly for a brief update on the project. I'm going to turn it over to Jayne Lopez so she can give you an update.

Good evening. For the past two years it has been my pleasure and privilege to serve as the collection system project manager on City of Richmond projects for Veolia CPM. Currently I'm working with the design team that the city retrained, Schaffer Wheeler and Thompson Builders who are our contractors. Our goal is to construct a completely new sewer pump lift station at the corner of Dornan Drive and Brickyard Cove Road. The existing sewer pump station is currently being operated with temporary pumps and it is imperative to get the new station up and operational as soon as feasible. There are components on this lift station that will take us more than a year to get. Items are ordered. And last December it was decided it was time to start building.

There's been considerable coordination we've had to do to keep the station up and operational. We were trying to avoid demolishing the building in order to put the new manhole in for all the flows that are coming into the station. The good news is all of the items that we ordered are coming in on schedule. The longest items that we are waiting for are our electrical gear. Those will be arriving in June of this year and then our generator is slated to arrive in September of 2023. Those are the items that are dictating getting PG&E to energize the new pump stations. We are looking at completion in the fourth quarter of this year of 2023. We did ask the contractor to go back and revisit the traffic control and install an additional stop sign, additional delineators and signage making it easier and safer for everyone. We acknowledge that construction is always inconvenient. We appreciate everyone's consideration and understanding as we finish the lift station. Thank you for your time.

Jacqueline Majors: If you have questions, you can text or call me or email me; I do answer and respond. 925-949-6196, [jacqueline@majorsandassociates.com](mailto:jacqueline@majorsandassociates.com)

**Emmett and Dominique Kauffman, the owners of the new restaurant “The Backyard”** are joining us from technically the Santa Fe neighborhood, but a stone’s throw from Point Richmond.

I'm born and raised in San Francisco, second generation San Francisco, seven generations in California, Richmond five years. We are the owners of **The Backyard** on Cutting between 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Aves. It's the kind of a place for people to relax and enjoy themselves, a beer and wine garden.

Our spring hours: open Wednesdays and Thursdays 10:00 to 6:00. Friday, Saturday and Sunday 10:00 to 8:00. We are in the backyard of the Whale Point hardware store. We have games for adults and children, and we're dog-friendly.

**Susan White, Point Richmond librarian.** I'm the Branch librarian at the West Side library, Point Richmond library. We are back to normal hours, 20 hours a week. Monday 1:30 to 7:00, Tuesdays and Wednesdays 10:30 to 5:00. We've had artists' displays exhibited each month, most recently, the art of the African diaspora, a satellite exhibit along with El Sol and Kaleidoscope. We will be part of the Spring Fling and Art Stroll.

**PR CERT, Charmain Tyler:** Before I talk about PR CERT, at the end of April, we're voting for a new Membership Chair, replacing Buzz Baylis. I have one more thing before I get to PR cert if you don't mind. I'm working with Margi Sullivan on the tunnel mural project, working with the artist and the city. So, sometime in the next three months we're going to have to have a bucket truck with people working to clean and repaint. Unfortunately, we will be inconveniencing you for a few hours. So, stay tuned.

Point Richmond CERT: we are starting our in-person training again, for community emergency response teams and disaster preparedness. The Richmond Fire Department is helping us train with firefighters, captains, and chiefs doing some of the training. Nine weeks, plus a drill, and we're hoping to again in the fall. If you are interested in taking CERT training classes, contact me at [ctpoint44@gmail.com](mailto:ctpoint44@gmail.com). We'll have a table at the Spring Fling.

**Point Richmond Business Association:** No report

**Point Richmond History Association:** Bonnie Jo Cullison; Nothing special to report this month. We will be a part of Spring Fling so stop in and say hello.

**Arts of Point Richmond:** Mary Lee Cole; Aside from the Art Stroll Spring Fling, we have new “Taking it Outdoors” banners around town. They'll show up in three installments over the next couple of months, but the first batch will be there for the art stroll. Margi Sullivan's gallery will be having a show supporting Point Richmond artists. At the Stroll, we will have a table and more information about our activities and joining.

**Hotel Mac:** My name is Bianca Zepada and my husband and I are remodeling the Hotel Mac. Our first restaurant in Richmond is Mi Casa Grill, 12056 San Pablo Ave, serving Mexican food. The Hotel Mac will be serving authentic Italian food, serving everything made in house, from scratch.

We are genuinely excited, grateful and thankful to everyone for letting us be part of the community. In terms of the music, we do plan to bring back the piano and some jazz, making it a community space for everyone.

**Magick Lantern:** Kate Spaulding. This month we're showing a very interesting film about a Czech herbalist, a miracle healer who cured a number of people in Czechoslovakia in the 40s and 50s. It's an interesting biography about his life. We hope to continue doing movies once a month at the Methodist Church on the second Saturday of the month at 8:00PM.

**HOA's:** Leisa Johnson. The big news last month was that BCARD--the Brickyard Cove Alliance for Responsible Development-- filed an appeal to the planning commission decision regarding the PG&E site. It's almost 800 pages, submitted on Monday afternoon. We will be awaiting a hearing date, assuming within the next 30 days.

**Land Use Design Review Committee:** Nothing today. Philip will ask Rod Satre to liaise between the PRNC and City regarding the PG&E project.

**Masquers Playhouse:** James Davis. Two upcoming plays; "You on the Moors Now" by Jaclyn Backhaus which runs through April 9<sup>th</sup> followed by a "ROE" by Lisa Boomer starting on June 9<sup>th</sup>. Tickets are \$30, \$27 for students and seniors and season tickets are now available. \$120 for five shows.

Our big event is the crab feed at the Point San Pablo Yacht Club, \$75 organized by Josephine Orozco from El Sol restaurant -- won't want to miss it. Also, we're in search of volunteers for stage to prop work and acting.

**Richmond Neighborhood Coordinating Council:** No report

**Richmond Tennis and the Hurlbut Benevolent Fund:** Garry Hurlbut: We had three teams make the playoffs. Representing East Bay; Oakland, Alameda, Walnut Creek and Richmond. Because the Recreation Department hasn't had the folks, we've engaged people from the US Tennis Association and volunteers from the RTA and expect to get a youth program starting in the spring.

We finished a spring cleanup around the Plunge. With all this rain, there's a lot of weeding to be done. The bocce court is in pretty good shape for people who want to play.

Regarding the Benevolent Fund, we recently provided financial support for an organization teaching people to dress for success called "Uncommon Threads". Primarily helping women looking to get back into the workforce and really focusing on interviews. It's running out of the Veterans Hall on 23<sup>rd</sup> Avenue in Richmond.

**Red Oak Victory:** Graham Perret: We have a few events coming up. The first is **Evelyn and Her Vintage Ties** for an evening of classic 30s-40s swing music, fun, and dancing on April 22, 2023. Don't dance? You can still enjoy the music and great cocktails from Richmond's **Factory Bar** plus the ambience of a historic ship. \$25 for adults and \$10 for children. The first Red Oak Victory 2023 Pancake Breakfast will be May 14<sup>th</sup>, Mother's Day. Other breakfasts will follow on June 18<sup>th</sup> (Father's Day), August 20<sup>th</sup>, September 17<sup>th</sup>, and October 8<sup>th</sup> (Fleet Week).

**Point Richmond Table Tennis:** Peter Thelin. Small attendances, but still worthwhile.

**Women's West Side Improvement:** Diane Diani: Marley Putin is planning a big work day Saturday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> for friends and members to work in the triangle garden from 9:00AM to 12:00; bring gloves and tools and bags. Also, Margi Sullivan is graciously providing her Art Studio yard for a rummage sale, raising money for our local charity. We'll be meeting on April 4<sup>th</sup> from 11:30 to 1:30 at the United Methodist Church.

**Rosie the Riveter:** James Davis: This is our first time here talking about Rosie the Riveter and how proud we all should be that we have this in our community. This is a National Historical Park, and it represents the United States in terms of its historical commemoration of the civilian experience in World War II. The museum is located at 1414 Harbor Way, near the Craneway. We're open 7 days a week, 10am to 5pm. We're only closed three days of the year for major holidays, and here's the big thing: it's free!

**Public Forum:** No one

**Remembrances and Celebrations:** Kathleen: We are all mourning the loss of our friend David Moore. A memorial has been set up on the day of the Artwalk at Hidden City Dance Studio at 1:30 April 8<sup>th</sup> in recognition of David Moore's life.





Some photos from our wildly successful  
**Spring Fling & Art Stroll!**

Saturday, April 8, 2023; thanks for coming!



**ARE YOUR DUES PAID UP?** The dues help cover our administrative expenses and are \$20 per individual and \$25 per household. If this is a financial hardship, a waiver is gladly granted. Lifetime memberships are \$500.

**REMEMBER: you need to be a paid-up member to vote!** Pay online via PayPal at [www.pointrichmond.org](http://www.pointrichmond.org) or mail your check & application to: **PRNC; P.O. Box 70386; Pt. Richmond, CA 94807.**

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