



On Point

October 2023

Something serious this way comes...

Please add the following to your calendar. Richmond Crime Prevention Manager Michelle Milam and our beat officer will cohost a crime and safety meeting via Zoom on MONDAY, November 6th at 7:00 p.m.

Michelle will touch on the traffic issues, address the unhoused population and their effect on crime, and how we can form an informal and formal crime watch.

She will also instruct us on who to call in different situations, a constant concern with the homeless and drug-addicted (or dealing) or mentally ill residents. Zoom link to follow.



Serious FUN ...

Join us at the **Fall Fest** on Park Place on **Saturday, October 28th**. The PRNC will be adding to a day of music and fun by hosting two cake walks, at 1:30 PM and 2:45 PM. The library has story time at 11:00 AM; the event starts at 12:00 PM and runs until 5:00 PM. The PRBA has a full schedule of events planned on Park Place and the town triangle.

And definitely NOT serious ...



A **free** trip to Space Vegas to see Evils Spacely, and visit the clubs and casinos of this interplanetary resort destination.

The AMAZING handmade and lovingly crafted haunted house at 126 Buena Vista Avenue (across street Montana Street, one block up from PRAM). Angelia and Mat have done it again, cleverer than ever (or is it CLEAVER-er).

It is a groovy and otherworldly, and just scary enough for neighbors of all ages.

This labor of love, including the driveway and back yard, is fun in daylight, but fully animated and lit from sunset until 8:45 PM. BEWARE, the aliens may not be as friendly as they seem, so keep your distance from the cook!



I hope you all have a fun fall season, and that isn't *witchful* thinking!

We will see you on Wednesday, October 25th, at 7:30 PM as we Zoom to you and the community!

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.

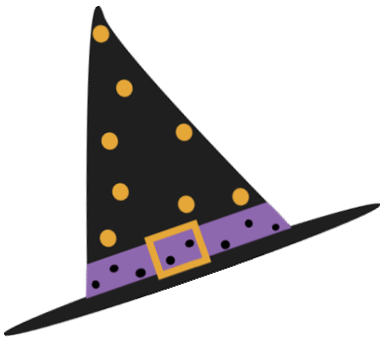


**Point Richmond Neighborhood Council
General Membership Meeting**
Wednesday, October 25th at 7:30 PM
 Virtual Meeting via Zoom (see access info in email)
PointRichmondNeighborhood@gmail.com



AGENDA

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| 7:30 | <i>Call to order and approval of September 27, 2023, meeting minutes</i> | <i>3 minutes</i> |
| 7:33 | <i>Police Report, Sergeant Melgoza &/or Officer Tagorda</i> | <i>15 minutes</i> |
| 7:48 | <i>President’s Report, Philip Rosenthal</i> | <i>5 minutes</i> |
| 7:53 | <i>Treasurer’s Report, Margi Sullivan</i> | <i>1 minute</i> |
| 7:54 | <i>Membership Report, Eric Napralla</i> | <i>1 minute</i> |
| 7:55 | <i>Rich City Rides – update</i> | <i>15/5 minutes</i> |
| | ▪ <i>Jacie Rowe IV, Community Organizing Manager; former JEDI youth</i> | |
| 8:15 | <i>Councilmember Cesar Zepeda – update</i> | <i>5/10 minutes</i> |
| 8:30 | <i>Community Briefs, Part 1 (2 minutes each)</i> | <i>14 minutes</i> |
| | ▪ <i>Richmond CERT, Charmain Tyler, charmain.tyler@gmail.com, (510) 334-7267</i> | |
| | ▪ <i>Point Richmond Business Association, Karen Buchanan, pointrichmondbusiness.com</i> | |
| | ▪ <i>Point Richmond History Association, Bonnie Jo Cullison, pointrichmondhistory.org</i> | |
| | ▪ <i>Arts of Point Richmond, Margi Sullivan, artsofpointrichmond.com</i> | |
| | ▪ <i>Magick Lantern, Kate Spaulding, MagickLantern.org, magick-lantern@att.net, (510)232-2559</i> | |
| | ▪ <i>PRAM, Layla Dima, pram.net</i> | |
| | ▪ <i>HOA’s in Brickyard Cove, Community</i> | |
| 8:44 | <i>Land Use Design Review Committee (LUDRC), Charmain Tyler</i> | <i>N/A</i> |
| | <i>Project: none</i> | |
| | <i>Items to be considered at the LUDRC meeting must be submitted to Rod Satre, Committee Chair, at rdatre@live.com (510) 232-5059, at least two weeks prior to the General Membership Meeting. The LUDRC meets monthly prior to the PRNC General Membership meeting, at 6:00 pm.</i> | |
| 8:44 | <i>Community Briefs, Part 2 (2 minutes each)</i> | <i>14 minutes</i> |
| | ▪ <i>Masquers Playhouse, Francis Smith, masquers.org</i> | |
| | ▪ <i>Richmond Neighborhood Coordinating Council, Cordell Hindler, richmondneighbors.org</i> | |
| | ▪ <i>Richmond Tennis and Hurlbut Benevolent Fund, Garry & Maryn Hurlbut, (510)547-8111</i> | |
| | ▪ <i>USS Red Oak Victory Ship, Graham Perrett, redoakvictory.us</i> | |
| | ▪ <i>Women’s Westside Improvement Club, Diane Diani, pointrichmond.com/wwic</i> | |
| | ▪ <i>Table Tennis, Peter Thelin, pthelin1@yahoo.com or Greg Larson, gdi1mail@gmail.com</i> | |
| | ▪ <i>Rosie the Riveter National Historical Park, James Davis, jimmsjc@hotmail.com</i> | |
| 8:58 | <i>Public Forum and Introductions for New Residents & Businesses</i> | <i>10 minutes</i> |
| 9:08 | <i>In Remembrance and Celebration</i> | <i>5 minutes</i> |
| 9:13 | <i>Adjourn</i> | |



Point Richmond Neighborhood Council

General Meeting Minutes

Wednesday September 27, 2023

PointRichmondNeighborhood@gmail.com



Wednesday, September 27, 2023, 7:30 PM

Board Members Present:

President: Philip Rosenthal

First Vice President: Leisa Johnson

Second Vice President & Membership Chair: Eric Napralla

Treasurer: Margi Sullivan

Interim Secretary: Anna Ortiz

Officer At-large: Charmain Tyler

Officer At-large: Peter Thelin

Attendees: Officer Cedric Tagorda, Linsi Crain (Chevron, guest speaker), Carolina de Barros, Karen Buchanan, J. Chehareck, Mary Lee Cole, Jim Davis, Diane Diani, Vivian Feyer, Anna Froker, Johnathon Hammond, June Hight, Cordell Hindler, Doreen Leighton, Janet Lyons, Isabelle Murphy, Michael Nye, Graham Perrett, Boni Satre, Rod Satre, Sally Tobin, Sari, Christine Volker, Sarah Wally

Call to Order and Approval of Minutes

7:35 PM

- Minutes from July 26, 2023 meeting
 - No corrections noted
 - Motion to approve minutes (Philip) and 2nd (Leisa)

President's Report

7:36 PM

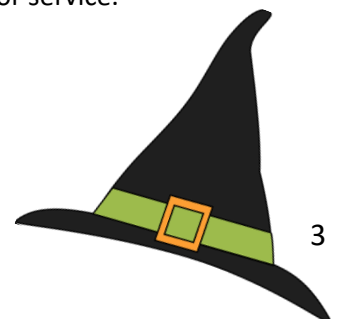
- PRNC member to potentially move into PRNC Secretary role so Peter Thelin can move into PRNC Vice President role. Anyone interested in becoming PRNC Secretary should notify Philip.
- Request for PRNC volunteer to assist with graphics (i.e., flyers, newsletter, event poster such as Spring Fling, etc.). Time commitment of ~1 or 2 hours per/ month.
- Thanks to Leisa Johnson for coordinating with Contra Costa Fire for evacuation drill at Brickyard Cove; meeting on Monday 9/18/2023 was quite well attended. Information will be posted on the website (pointrichmond.org) as well as many other historical PRNC documents and communications.
- Upcoming events:
 - PRNC will participate in the Saturday 10/28/2023 Fall Fest (sponsored by the Pt Richmond Business Association).
 - We will be conducting a Cake Walk throughout the day.
 - Our next PRNC meeting is Weds 10/25/2023 and we'll have a chance to discuss/promote it.

Police Report - Officer Cedric Tagorda

7:41 PM

Report time frame: 7/28/2023 - 9/26/2023

- 131 calls for service: Out of all areas and districts, Pt Richmond has the fewest calls for service.
- **Top 5 call for service locations:**
 - 21 - 915 West Cutting Blvd (homeless, potential human trafficking)
 - 18 - Bay Trail, Miller Knox Park/Cove (i.e., homeless, loitering, juveniles)
 - 18 - 135 Park Place (disturbances, arguments)
 - 12 - Tewksbury/ Castro (traffic related) Lower priority over traffic accidents



- X - West Cutting/ South Girard (i.e., encampment, traffic, railroad construction)

- **Top 10 calls for service types:**

- 32 - Suspicious vehicles
- 26 - Security checks (homelessness)
- 25 - Unwanted persons (one particular person with mental health challenges)
- 25 - Loud music
- 23 - Disturbance
- 22 - Alarm calls (typically in the a.m.)
- X - CHP call transfers
- 14 - Miscellaneous
- 14 - Welfare checks
- 14 - Abandoned vehicles



- June Hight discussed man jumping the lower chain link fence at Washington Elementary’s After School program demanding a teacher’s phone. Police were called and looked for suspect.
 - School district/board meeting needed re: (1) requirements/ city codes re: fencing surrounding the area and (2) how schools can work with local Police in proactive rather than reactive ways to keep students safe.
 - Preliminary meeting at the school scheduled for Weds 10/11/2023 to strategize.
- Officer Tagorda discussed Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) whereby an officer can evaluate/make suggestions to a residence or business (i.e., did for the Plunge) to offer their expertise in identifying where a property could be vulnerable (i.e., surrounding vegetation, inadequate lighting, security camera needs).
 - He offered to collaborate with the school on this assessment, as well as other residents, who request a CPTED. He can be emailed at ctagorda@richmondpd.net
- PRNC is working with the school district to build an additional basketball court on school property that will be shared with the community; part of discussion will be re: the need for a 10 ft. fence.
 - June to assist in sharing PTA meeting details with Philip so they may weave this discussion into a larger one re: safety.

Safety concerns

8:04 PM

- Philip has been trying to organize a special PRNC meeting dedicated to crime and traffic safety; potential date in January 2024.
 - Median issue at Tewksbury is largely a Caltrans issue.
 - Encourage the community to come speak about neighborhood traffic safety at Tuesday City Council meetings.
- The recent Pt Richmond cross walk improvements at S Garrard Blvd and E Richmond Ave near Washington Elementary were successfully spearheaded by our District 2 Council member Cesar Zepeda.
- Philip has also been working on a walk through with Councilmember Cesar Zepeda to identify community traffic and safety areas of concern.
- Meeting attendees did not object to the PRNC drafting a letter in response to an Environment Impact Survey re: the increase in plane air traffic is affecting our quality of life.

Chevron Wharf Update – Linsi Crain, Public & Government Affairs Manager

8:12 PM

- Linsi will be out shortly for 6 months on maternity leave beginning around mid-Nov; Hakim Johnson will be her back up while she is out.
- Chevron is conducting additional wharf updates via replacing old piles/ pile driving which may cause an increase in noise.



- Believe work will commence on Tuesday 10/10/2023 and likely run through Friday 10/13/2023 during normal business hours.
- Either Linsi or Hakim will notify the PRNC if they believe the work will be longer.
- As always, Chevron can deliver noise canceling apparatus to residents who request them.
- The Chevron Gas Station may begin embarking on its “above ground” improvements in February/March 2024. Local art and photos commemorating Pt Richmond’s history will be incorporated.
- No plans yet to install shore power or emission capture devices for vessels.
- For Early Leak Detection: Chevron will be piloting some new leak detection technology (i.e., wires with sensors that go along the bottom of the wharf that can sense fossil fuel).

Community Briefs (Part 1)

8:21 PM

- **Masquers Playhouse:** Jim Davis
 - Last play of the season (The People vs. Mona) to run Fridays, Saturdays & Sundays. Friday 11/3 - Sunday 11/26/2023. \$30 adults + 10% discount Seniors/ Students.
- **Richmond Neighborhood Coordinating Council (RNCC):** Cordell Hindler
 - Feature speaker for the meeting was Superintendent Dr. Hurst.
 - Cordell discussed bringing School Resource Officers back into the schools due to the positive relationships the students had developed with them.
 - The PRNC is soliciting some goods in kind from local supermarkets. Cordell confirmed any neighborhood council can use the RNCC tax free ID number to access donations.
- **Richmond Tennis and Hurlbut Benevolent Fund:** Garry Hurlbut absent
- **USS Red Oak Victory Ship:** Graham Perrett
 - Pancake Breakfast coming up during Fleet Week on Sunday 10/8/2023. Tickets can be purchased at their website: redoakvictory.us; \$15 adults and \$5 children. There will also be live music.
 - On Thursday 10/19/2023 at 7 PM they will host the 1944 film Man From Frisco (loosely based on our own American Industrialist Henry J. Kaiser). Donation of \$10 requested.
 - Open every Sunday for tours; gift shop has also been revamped.
- **Women’s Westside Improvement Club (WWIC):** Diane Diani
 - Welcoming new members: fee is \$10 per year. Membership helps beautify our local community.
 - Next meeting is a hosted Brown Bag lunch on Tuesday 10/3/2023 beginning at 11:30 AM (lunch) followed by speaker Family Nurse Practitioner Patricia Handshy discussing medical directives and hospice. At local Methodist Church in Pt Richmond.
- **Table Tennis (Ping Pong):** Peter Thelin
 - Ping Pongers welcome to show up weekly on Mondays (any time after 5 PM) at the Point San Pablo Yacht Club at 700 West Cutting Blvd. Their Clubhouse in Point Richmond is adjacent to marinas/boat services and offers wonderful bar service.
- **Rosie The Riveter National Historical Park:** Jim Davis
 - Every Friday there is a special live guest. Blossoms and Thorns is played and then discussion re: how Japanese relocation during WWII affected people who lived in Richmond.
 - New Rosie the Riveter presentation from author Steve Gilford (Build 'em by the Mile, Cut 'em Off by the Yard: How Henry J. Kaiser and the Rosies Helped Win World War II); Saturday 10/14/2023, 2:30 - 3:30 PM at the Visitor Center theater.
 - New presentation on WWII housing on Sunday 10/15/2023 from 1:00 - 2:00 PM.



Sewer Upgrade Project

- Moratorium on any new sewer connections along Golden Gate, Western and Ocean Ave and other streets along the shore for the near future, while the sewer remediation discussions are being addressed.
- Local residents continuing to question why current system cannot be repaired or replaced as opposed to having bay side residents install new systems/lifts and pump up their sewage to a connection on Western Drive.
- Bay Keepers have **not** actually said they could not replace or repair the old line. Not certain if Coastal Engineering is the correct group to manage this work.
- Conversations continue re: what next meeting/ reengagement should look like:
 - **Smaller meeting:** allow key subject matter experts to opine/ address questions; ability to pinpoint specific Keller Beach Community asks; may be more productive from a substance perspective. However, do not wish to alienate the larger Richmond community or make them feel excluded in the process.
 - **Larger meeting:** allows for more participants - garner larger Richmond community support, more on the City's radar, yet may derail the immediate objectives at hand.
- PRNC will coordinate any live or ZOOM meeting as endorsed by the LUDRC.
- LUDRC has expressed concern over the City's Public Works Director Daniel Chavarria not wanting to comment publicly on the issue at this time.
- The engineering firm stated this could be upwards of a \$200 million dollar project.
- Small group of residents has sent a series of questions to Public Works over the last 9 months which have not been answered.
- Differing opinions as to whether this an urgent vs. a time sensitive issue; regardless, would like the City to address before the pipeline actually bursts.
- Opportunity to do something, take initiative now and request the City:
 - Not renew the Coastlands contract
 - Begin looking at other, more fiscally sensible and environmentally sensitive options to remediate this issue; taking local resident and community input into account.
- LUDRC looking for two (2) new members with appropriate experience (building, construction, ports, etc.) to join their Board. Philip will also add this request to the PRNC Newsletter.



Community Briefs (Part 2)

- **Richmond CERT:** Charmain Tyler
 - CERT is still looking for a leader/manager. Team continues to do volunteer work.
 - Setting up next training for CERT certification/disaster preparedness. None this fall but considering February 2024 (date TBD) for classes of 20 people at a time.
 - There will be a second class in late Spring (date TBD).
 - Meeting Thursday 9/28/2023 to discuss potential dates for Fall 2023 on-going training for this upcoming October or November.
- **Point Richmond Business Association:** Karen Buchanan absent
- **Point Richmond History Association:** Philip Rosenthal (Bonnie Jo Cullison absent)
 - PRNC is working on commemorative signage which will give a brief history of the Tunnel and the PRNC's mural project.



- Seeking corporate and family donation for recognition on the sign.
- Need to replenish our Treasury given limited funds from the City.
- **Arts of Point Richmond (AOPR):** Magi Sullivan
 - There is a new exhibit at the Point Richmond Post Office by Stephen Kowalski “Upcycled Steampunk” through Monday 11/13/2023.
 - There is a call for art for the AOPR Winter Member Exhibition to be displayed at Lara’s Fine Dining. Submissions are due by Friday 10/20/2023.
 - There will be around 12 AOPR artists exhibiting at the Fall Fest with a call for additional entries.
- **Magick Lantern:** Kate Spaulding absent
 - Is happening and there is a flyer up near the kiosk at the corner near the supermarket.
- **Parents Resources And More (PRAM):** Chrissie Bradley
 - PRAM conducting a costume and clothing exchange on Sunday 10/1/2023.
 - Halloween activities for Tuesday 10/31/2023:
 - PTA: 10 AM - 11 AM, Historic Washington Elementary Halloween Parade in downtown
 - PRNC to set up a tent in front of Margi Sullivan’s Art Gallery to give out crayons, stickers and other non-candy treats.
 - PRAM: 4 PM - 6 PM, Potluck party & costume contest followed by Trick-or-Treating
- **HOAs in Brickyard Cove:** Leisa Johnson
 - **Terminal One:** Been in a gridlock as developer Laconia has actual title to the land and is refusing to give back to the City. Due to the Land Disposition Agreement (LDA), Laconia had option to request they go to mediation to resolve how to figure out the transfer of the land back to the City; in mediation now.
 - **PG&E site:** The public hearing on the appeal - that the community brought based on the Planning Commission meeting - is scheduled for Tuesday, 1/16/2024.

Public Forum

9:01 PM

- **Cordell:**
 - Although low turnout when Dr. Hurst presented at RNCC, may want him to come present at a future PRNC meeting re: what the district has planned (i.e., timely given current issues and new PTA at Washington).
 - Consider Ms. Garcia from Contra Costa College come present to PRNC re: the courses they have available for retirees and continuing students.
- **Leisa:**
 - From FEMA Integrated Public Alert and Warning System in coordination with the Federal Communications Commission: There will be a national emergency alert and wireless emergency alert that will be sent on Wednesday, 10/4/2023, at 11:20 AM PST.
 - Test messages will be sent out to all radio, TV stations and cell phones to ensure that systems remain effective as a means of warning the public about emergencies, particularly national emergencies.
 - There is a free concert and benefit this Saturday, 9/30/2023, from 2:00 - 5:00 PM at City Hall in support of bringing awareness to and stopping domestic violence.

Remembrance and Celebrations

9:04 PM

- **Philip:** Happy Birthday to Buzz Bayliss
 - **Cordell:** Remembrance shared for what would have been Kabir Kapur’s 31st Birthday
 - **Philip:** Sending Maryn Hurlbut, a good friend and strong supporter of our community, thoughts and prayers for a speedy recovery



Treasury Report: Margi Sullivan

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- \$12,000 in PRNC account.

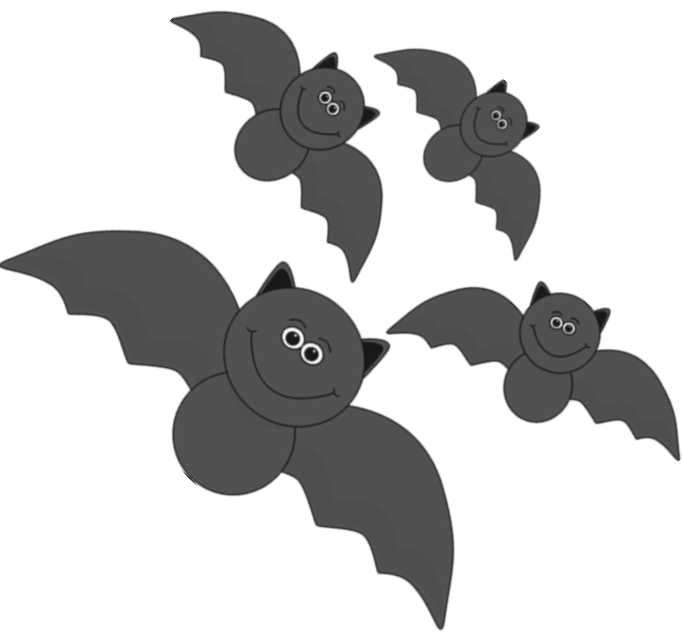
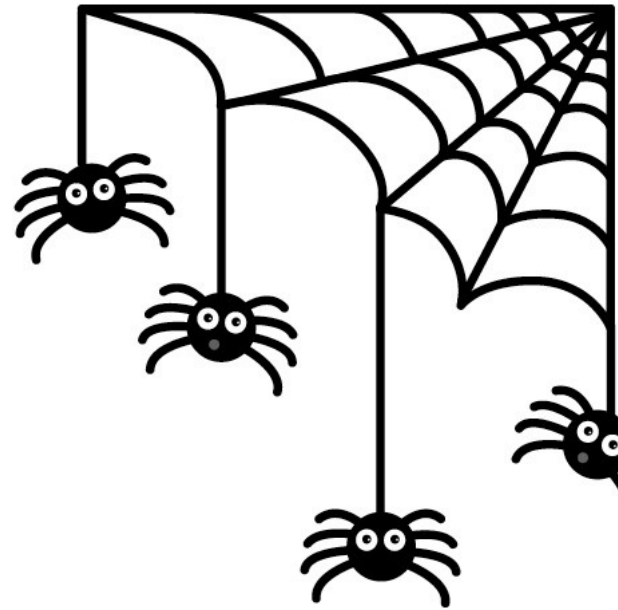
Membership Report: Eric Napralla

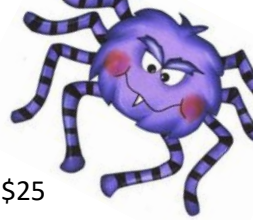
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- 170 current members, up from 165; a few new members also joined today.

Meeting Adjourned:

9:07 PM





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 or mail your check & application to: **PRNC; P.O. Box 70386; Pt. Richmond, CA 94807.**

New Renewal Individual Household

Name _____ Date: _____

Mailing Address _____

Telephone _____ e-mail _____

The next Point Richmond Neighborhood Council meeting is
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PRNC will send access info to members via email.

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