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Miller/Knox Regional Shoreline Appreciation (see page 18)

Come Celebrate our Wig-Wags, July 28th (see inside cover)

Come Celebrate
Wig Wags Forever

July 28, 2019

1:00 pm to 5:00 pm

*In front of the Point Richmond Mechanics
Bank on West Richmond Avenue*



Come watch the Wig Wags Work!

From the President

by Bonnie Jo Cullison

Archives have been on my mind recently. Specifically, archival material that pertains to the mission of the Point Richmond History Association as stated in the PRHA Articles of Incorporation: “...to collect and preserve information, including, but not limited to written, oral and photographic documents pertinent to the history of Point Richmond ...” I wonder sometimes what might be hidden away in the nooks, crannies and closets of current and former Pt. Richmond residents. We have very little material in our archives describing life in Pt. Richmond during the time that the Kaiser Shipyards were operational, for example. We hear anecdotal stories of how people’s houses were divided to accommodate shifts of workers but very few written descriptions. Does your house have a story? Does your family have a story? If so, consider writing it down or come into the Museum sometime and talk with a docent. Perhaps we could arrange to record your story. And don’t assume that what you have or know isn’t old enough to have historical significance. After all, yesterday is history.

Thanks to all of you who contribute to the preservation of Pt. Richmond’s history!

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Visual simulation of a train on
Miller/Knox Park Shoreline



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The Cover:

Picture of Miller/Knox Shoreline Park from Bruce Beyaert

Editor's Notes

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I want to thank Bruce Beyart for his informative article. Also I want to express my personal gratitude to him for his efforts toward keeping BNSF from spoiling our beautiful Miller/Knox Shoreline Park. Best of luck Bruce!

Are they “Wig Wags”, “Wig-Wags” or Wigwags”? I find the name of them spelled pretty much equally all three ways. For the sake of consistency TPIT will call them “Wig Wags”, okay?

Thank you Victor Morales for running the Wig Wag Committee. Also thanks to Karen Buchanan, Sue Rosenof, Charmain Tyler and Tom Piazza for their work with that committee. Don't miss the celebration of our wig wags on July 28th (see inside cover for details).

Happy Summertime to you all!

The deadline for our next TPIT September/October issue is Friday, August 23, 2019.

Thanks to those who helped fold, staple and address the last issue:

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A-Mid Trivia

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Question What is a Sputnik?

Answer: End of Trivia

Leading a healthy life style means you keep up to date on your vaccinations.

Apples, not caffeine, are more efficient at waking you up in the morning.

Did you know the cost of water to the average EBMUD customer is \$1.84 per day or less than a penny per gallon?

Former Point Richmond Boy Scout member Troop 111, Ingvar Elle, is working at the forestry school in Athens, GA as the Continuing Education Coordinator.

A single cigarette contains about 4000 chemicals.

Why do I need to press '1' for English? Has Dad moved to a foreign country?

Fran Smith is traveling to Ireland in June with her Granddaughter Frances and great-grandson Manuel who graduates from high school before the trip.

Camping. When you spend a small fortune to live like a homeless person.

Before modern-day refrigerators, blocks of ice harvested from the frozen rivers, lakes and ponds of the Midwest kept ice boxes cold in the summer months.

Otis perfected automatic push-button elevators in the 1950s. Demand for uniformed employees who guided manual elevators

plummeted. Roughly 53 elevator operators work fulltime in New York City; others work at the historic Commodore condo building in Louisville, Ky., or L.A.'s Desmond luxury apartment buildings. In the 1930s, operators made as little as 30 cents an hour (about \$4.38 in today's dollars). Now \$4 an hour.

There was a very gracious lady who was mailing an old family Bible to her brother in another part of the country. "Is there anything breakable in here?" asked the postal clerk. Only the Ten Commandments", answered the lady.

You drop something when you are young and you just pick it up. When you are old and drop something, you stare at it contemplating if you actually need it anymore.

Some things are better left unsaid, and I usually realize it right after I say them.

Today I was in a store that sells sunglasses, and only sunglasses. A young lady walks over to me and asks, "What brings you in today?" I looked at her, and said, "I'm interested in buying a refrigerator." She didn't quite know how to respond.

Shirley Butt is back home after suffering from a stroke and spending a few days at Kaiser Hospital in Oakland. We are happy she is home and wish her a fast and complete recovery.

When people see a cat's litter box they usually say, "Oh, have you got a cat?" Just once I want to say, "No, it's for company!"

The question: "Boys and girls, what do we know about God?" A hand shot up in the air. "He is an artist!" said the kindergarten boy.

"Really? How do you know?" the teacher asked. "You know - Our Father, who does art in Heaven..."

The Bishop Social Club will meet this month to enjoy a Bob Dornan Buttermilk Boy Scout Pancake dinner using the 1933 World's Fair recipe which includes homemade syrup, eggs, slice of ham, coffee and milk. Bob's Point Richmond Scout Troop 111 (He only had 3 daughters) served a Scout Breakfast for 32 years. Karen Fenton, whose son, Seth, was a member, hosted a phone bank for scouts to sell tickets, earning them a portion of the ticket toward their annual Pioneer Summer Camp in the High Sierras.

I got called 'pretty' today. Well actually, the full sentence was "You are pretty annoying".

Wouldn't it be ironic if Popeye's chicken was fried in Olive Oil?

What equals the number 98?

code: 08+05+1921?

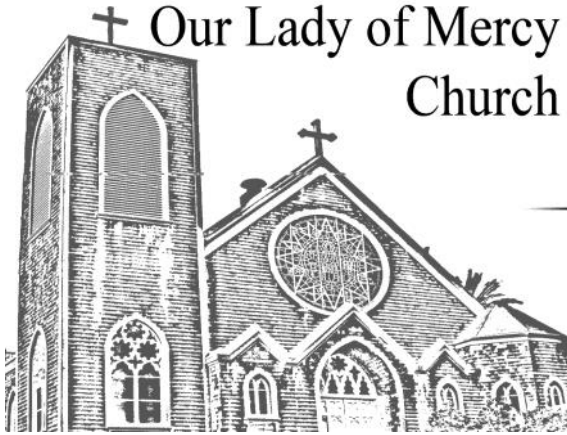
ANSWER. October 4, 1957 . The Space Age began as the Soviet Union launched Sputnik, the first man made satellite into orbit.



Paving of Oregon Street (originally called First Avenue) in 1915 to the new municipal tunnel. Most of the homes are still there but the old Washington School is long gone.

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Church News



By Dee Rosier

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It appears the Rain in Spain has come our way to stay. The plus is that everyone's lawn is green as green can be and all florals are blooming, yet the weeds also continue to flourish. A recent storm wakened us earlier than usual for Sunday Mass and thereafter many of us sat in the parking lot waiting for a cloud burst to pass.

We continue to donate to the Richmond Rescue Mission and there is a barrel for food donations. Margaret Doherty picks up the food donations and distributes them regularly.

The Order of Malta Medical Clinic provides free medical care and services for those without health insurance. The Pope Francis Legal Clinic provides free legal consultation on a broad range of issues. Both are located next to Christ the Light Cathedral in Oakland.

Ann Brussok recently returned from her annual pilgrimage to Lourdes with the Order of Malta. She brought back olive oil from the Holy Land which was presented to Bishop Barber. The chrism (holy oil) is used in the sacraments of baptism, confirmation and holy orders. When the

holy oil is received, it undergoes a traditional process to prepare for usage. The oil is prepared annually and leftovers are either buried or burned.

When the rains decide to dissipate, the next maintenance endeavor will be painting the louvers and trim at the top of the tower to match the lower section of the church. The other is paving the parking lot. It had become a haven for people in the area looking for parking space. Perhaps we should consider charging them, thus pay for the paving. The Parish Council is in debate regarding a sign for it. There are specific spots that are rented, but certainly more illegal parking since no one appears to read the signs. At one time towing was enforced, and perhaps there is need for it to return.

First Holy Communion was celebrated in a new traditional way this year and will no doubt continue in the future. The children's parents were involved in teaching and preparation. On Easter Sunday they received their First Holy Communion as a family unit. The children sat with their parents and received Holy Communion as a family. It was an impressive ceremony to witness.

Father announces the return of the parish mockingbird who left for the winter. He has a few chosen spots but prefers the tip of the cross on the church tower where he sings away, changing tunes as he sings.

We celebrated a couple of holidays. Mothers' Day is always a special day. I quote from last year's writing: "Life Doesn't Come With A Manual, It Comes With A Mom."

Easter was celebrated with standing room only attendance, but lacked the Easter bonnets once a requirement. The altar was fully decorated with Easter lilies. Also an Easter ritual is blessing the water in the baptismal font as well as renewing our baptismal vows.

Two names came up recently which brought

back happy memories of two gentle giants: Alan Smith and Bob Friend. Alan was a native Pt. Richmond gentleman. His knowledge of the Point, as well as the church were outstanding. A conversation with Alan was also a lesson in the history of both. Alan was also the Church News contributor. Bob Friend worked at CRC and was an accomplished writer. He wrote many articles about his colleagues on special occasions, i.e., retirement, transfers, etc. Some of his writings were serious, some whimsical, but always enjoyable. I am fortunate to have a copy of his, "A Collection of Friendly Persuasion."

It was a sad day for our Parish to honor the death of Ray Giacomelli. Death has no chosen age. Had a serious illness not taken his life, he should have had many years ahead of him. Ray was a Pt. Richmond native, as well as his family before him – father, grandparents. He attended school with my children and they all grew up playing in the Point. One of my recollections of Ray was, at age 8 or 9, riding down Idaho Street on his bicycle and being hit by a car at the bottom of the hill. Fortunately, he was able to pick up the bike, hop on and be on his way. He worked for UPS and his funeral mass was a sea of brown uniforms. He was well remembered by Father Jason Landeza. His sister Rosemary was our first Altar Girl. Condolences to the Giacomelli family.

As mentioned above, death has no chosen age as proved by the loss of my 44-year old nephew. We were there for him during his illness, but his body did not respond to treatment. Services were recently held for Aaron Neihouse at St. Rose of Lima in Crockett.

Rev. James Matthews died of a heart attack and his loss will be felt by the Diocese. He was here to assist in the funeral for Brenda McKinley.

Joanne Magda came to us from Colorado and has decided to return home hosted a farewell luncheon at my home in her honor. It was a delightful way to send her off in the good company of the "Huggers." We all met at church and became very close friends. She was a very

active lady and taught exercise classes to senior citizens at different homes and senior centers in the area. We wish her the best as she returns home.

Remember in your prayers: Mike Lambert, Jim Chezareck, Conde Chavez, Fred Siegmund, Bill Gutterez, and the daughter (Veronica) of my kindergarten friend, Peggy Pettit.

It is always a welcome sight to see Edwina Murray return to attend Mass with us – always lots of hugs/kisses. Thanks to her daughter for sharing Edwina with us. We also welcomed Tom Lauderback on Easter Sunday.

Mary Ruiz will retire from PG&E after 49 years of service. She joins her husband who also retired from PG&E.

It was interesting to watch Mike Lambert follow the Mass on his Iphone rather than the usual Missal. We've come a long way baby.

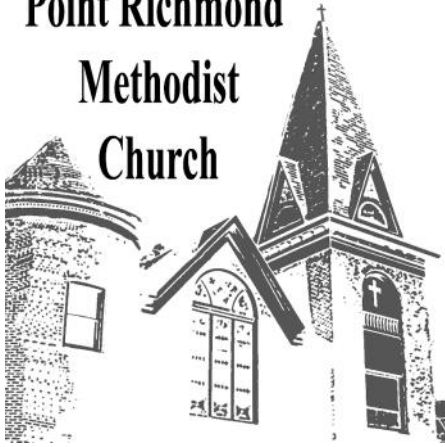
THE FACT THAT THERE'S
A HIGHWAY TO HELL AND
ONLY A STAIRWAY TO HEAVEN
SAYS A LOT ABOUT ANTICIPATED
TRAFFIC

SEE YOU IN CHURCH



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Shirley Gilbert joined the church on March 21 after attending many years. Shirley famously invites everyone she meets to church. She shares the loving spirit of our congregation and the bounty of our coffee hour with people beyond the walls of the building.

Katherine Parker, a global ministries missionary to Nepal, came to the church March 24 to report on her latest projects. Katherine is an engineer who specialized in drinking water systems. In Nepal, she works to promote women's health, access to education, and other community health/quality of life issues. Just two years ago she asked us to help with some projects that people in Nepal are doing for each other now. When asked what about her job seems to have the most impact, she described how lives improve when she brings people together to talk to each other about topics that have been culturally taboo to discuss. People learn from sharing their stories. Silence stifles growth. A truly thriving community requires open exchange of ideas and knowledge.

Friends and family gathered at the church to remember Carrie Cartier on April 13. We remember her as a caring neighbor and loving mother to Pascale and Arryn. Everyone who knew Carrie misses her light and kindness. Fran Smith and Doreen Leighton helped with the reception

afterward.

On Palm Sunday, April 14, Joanna Pace from Open Door United Methodist Church spoke to us about the West County Freedom School literacy program Open Door is sponsoring for first - and second-grade students at Nystrom School this summer. Fifty students from Nystrom and Stege schools will have free tuition for the six-week enrichment and literacy program. Training and structure for Freedom Schools is through the Children's Defense Fund, an active organization since the civil rights movement in the 1960's. Their goal is to help children read at grade level before they reach third grade. For ways you can help, contact Joanna Pace, josanola@hotmail.com. For more information on Freedom Schools see <https://www.childrensdefense.org/programs/cdf-freedom-schools/>

Easter Sunday, April 21, early morning worshipers celebrated in the Labyrinth Garden at 8:00 am. Rachael Herron, Laura Choe, Linda Andrew-Marshall, Norm Reynolds and Jean Reynolds spread a breakfast feast enjoyed by many at 9:00. After Sunday school, worship in the sanctuary included an introit by the choir. Then, in the yard by the palm tree, children joyfully found treat-filled plastic eggs hidden by Debbie Benko and team. Spring rains and new plant growth provided many secret places to conceal eggs. The nasturtiums claimed their right to thrive.

George Peter Tingley dashed across town to join our worship on April 28, after his choir performed at Open Door United Methodist Church. He accompanied soprano soloist Olesia Gordynsky on two of his pieces, "The Beatitudes" and "Lord, How Majestic is Your Name." Olesia graciously added her lovely voice to the choir, too. We cherish the deep emotion George conveys through his compositions, and are grateful for the vocalists he brings to express it best.

On Cinco de Mayo, the Reverend Cornel Barnett, retired Presbyterian pastor, preached about the migration stories of people in the Bible: Adam and Eve were forced out of their homeland, Abraham and Sarah preserved their culture although they settled another nation, Joseph was a victim of human trafficking, and infant Jesus' family fled to Egypt to escape persecution. Likewise, many people today feel compelled to migrate due to violence, war, the effects of climate

change, and/or poverty. Our faith teaches us to have empathy for people who cross borders.

Our Junktique Sale on May 4 was successful and less effort than previous years. The new concrete floor in the parsonage garage provides a convenient place to store heavier items. A huge team of volunteers made the work a pleasure, as did the delightful customers. Linda Andrew-Marshall and Barbara Haley advertised. Jonathan Swett, Bill Thompson, and Doreen Leighton received donations. Ron Wheatley, Annie Ao and Steve Chen sorted and organized items in the basement. Alice Thompson led book sales. Nick Pollutro and Chris Logsdon sold electronics and the myriad other things in the basement front room. Julio Osegueda, Michael Lee, Rob Bader, Danny Matheson, and Kevin Ota worked outside with the furniture; Ryan Runge and Heinz Lankford cheerfully helped set up and clean up. Russ Johnson, Sandra Simmer, Linda Andrew-Marshall, and Matthew Foster worked as cashiers while Annie Ao totaled charges. Pat Dornan sorted and priced jewelry; Pat, Susie and Charlotte Ashworth Bader sold it. Kristi Johnson arranged and sold artwork. Yulia Solovieva let customers name their own prices for baskets and toys. Barbara Haley sold food tickets. Betty Graham grilled meat and veggie dogs in the back yard. Doreen and Shirley Butt made minestrone; Russ Johnson made his best chili yet; Shirley and Jean Reynolds served bowls of both. Laurence Tietz patiently washed all the dishes. Barbara Haley, Jennifer Metz Foster, Diane Frary, Doreen Leighton, Fran Smith, and Jean Reynolds donated pies and more pies, which Jennifer served complete with origin stories. Deby McFadyen bussed tables, Mid Dornan served as maven of hospitality, and Pastor Dan Damon entertained with some tunes on the piano. As the end of the day, sellers and buyers seemed satisfied. We made friends, recycled treasures, and sustained the church budget.

On May 11, we hosted Doug Miller and Larry Vuckovich, jazz duo, in concert. The concert was excellent: Larry is an internationally known jazz pianist and Doug Miller plays gifted bass. It was not part of any series (Jazz or Acoustic) and we failed to diligently promote it enough to bring in a good crowd. Larry will be back next season as part of Point Richmond Jazz,

so people have another chance to hear him.

On May 12 our strings team played along with the hymns and the choir anthem. We all sound better accompanied by Laurence Tietz, mandolin; Rose Ayers, guitar; Matthew Foster, guitar; and Jennifer Metz Foster, cello.

Trish and Rick Ballantyne from Auburn were our special musical guests on May 19. They played several pieces on hammered dulcimer and guitar. Kate Jennings and Julie Freestone visited to share about Ashby Village. It is a coalition of seniors and volunteers who can help with them with various tasks. Seniors pay to join and can contract for rides for errands, help with grocery shopping, someone to read aloud, etc. Ashby Village is well established in Berkeley; Kate and Julie are part of a team of volunteers who are trying to get it started in Richmond. If you would like to join Ashby Village as a volunteer or to receive services, contact Julie at freestonejulie@gmail.com or see their website www.ashbyvillage.org to learn more.

On the Calendar:

Sunday, June 9, Afternoon Picnic in the Park: Kennedy Park next to Easter Hill United Methodist Church, 3911 Cutting Blvd., Richmond.

Fathers' Day Jazz Service: Sunday, June 16, 11 a.m. Don't miss the Dan Damon Quartet and featured soloists. Music will be the language of the morning message.

Vacation Bible School for children age three to sixth grade: August 5 – 9, 9:00 am to 11:30 am daily. Ends with lunch for children and their families on Friday, August 10. Join us for stories, songs, games, art, and snacks. Call Jean Reynolds to sign up (510) 734-3942 or email sweetheart05@mac.com

For updates, see the church website: pointrichmondmethodist.org

Jean Reynolds



WWIC Est. 1908

News from the Women's Westside Improvement Club by Carla Bowman

Diane Diani, President of the Women's Westside Improvement Club, called the April 2 meeting to order at 12 noon. She thanked head hostess Deborah Haley and co-hostesses Altha Humphrey, Barbara Robertson, and Anne Brussock-Roth for the beautiful décor and wonderful desserts. We sang "Happy Birthday" in mellifluous melody to Carla Bowman, 4/3, Jules Klotz, 4/10, and Kathy Branstetter, 4/12.

We welcomed new members Anita Mermel and Ruth Frassetto with membership pamphlets and WWIC teacups. We welcomed guests Jan Clayburn, Saru Foreman, Nancy Noble, and Bernie

Riordan. Diane read thank-you notes for money given to St. Vincent de Paul, from Anne Brussock-Roth and The Masquers, from Kathe Kiehn.

Gail Eierweiss read the minutes of the March 5 meeting, which were approved as read. First VP Kathleen Wimer gave out the re-re-revised membership list. Second VP Fran Smith announced hostesses for May 7: head hostess Karen Buchanan, co-hostesses Evelyn Thill, Cathy O'Brien, and Fran Smith. Officers for 2019 -2021 will be Marion Kent, First VP; Doreen Leighton, Treasurer; and Secretaries Jules Klotz and Ann Langille.

Two important community issues came up. First, getting the Indian drinking fountain working again, which is overseen by Maryn Hurlbut, Chair of the Parks/Rec Dept. The second is that BNSF wants to run diesel trains through the tunnel again. Its reason for doing so was not clear. Strong objections were raised e.g. cutting the Miller-Knox Park in two parts, safety of people in the park, diesel pollution, and noise, etc.

The highlight of our meeting was our stellar guest speaker Nancy Noble, who demonstrated "Zentangles," an art form using lines, dots, dashes, arcs, and orbs. We got a chance to try it ourselves. In addition, it's found to have a calming effect on children in the classroom. Please see the website <https://zentangle.com> and the photo accompanying this article.



*Nancy Noble's Zentangles
photo by Carla Bowman*





*Pat Pearson and Altha Humphrey in bunny shirts
for our April meeting.
photo by Diane Diani*

Our May 7 gathering consisted of a short business meeting and the game Bunco, for which each player donated \$15 to play, as a fundraiser.

Diane Diani's greeting included thanking

Karen Buchanan, head hostess, and Cathy O'Brien and Fran Smith, hostesses. The chairpersons for Bunco were Diane Diani and Jules Klotz. Birthdays were Lynn Clifford, 5/9, and Ruth Fracheto, 5/20. We had many guests to play with us.

The next meeting will be Hat Day on June 4. We will wear hats and tell stories about each one. Whether they are fact or fiction is part of the fun. Each of us who brings a salad or dessert pays \$5. Each one without the foodstuffs pays \$15. Those who are hatless pay an additional \$1. Money talks! After all, this is our final fundraiser until the Fall.

The great news is that Medallia Commercial Filming and Honda Commercial gave a total of \$2,000 to repair the Indian fountain and surrounding paving. Many thanks to the agencies and Maryn Hurlbut, of Parks and Rec, who made this possible. We received a lovely thank-you note from Marsha Mather-Thrift, Executive Director of the invaluable Rosie's Girls Summer Camp, to provide free scholarships for 30 underserved middle school girls.

That concluded the business part of the meeting. We then played two rounds of Bunco. The winners were Bonnie Smith, who won three prizes, and Fran Smith, who won none.



*Join us in Summer, 2019 for the
Red Oak Victory's Special Events!*

Dancake Breakfasts!

May 12th Mother's Day
June 16th Father's Day
August 11th Dress like it's 1944 Day
September 8th Grandparents Day
October 13th Fleet Week

June 8: Swing on the Ship!
Featuring the Silver Bell Jazz Band

July 3: Independence Day Fireworks
Featuring the George Cole Trio

October 19: Back to the 50s
Featuring LIP Mo & the Dynalocs

*For More Information and Tickets
to all Events visit our website:*

www.redoakvictory.us



From Rita Gardner

Arts of Point Richmond: Established in 2008, it is a community association established to enrich our community by promoting support, appreciation, and exposure for the arts. For more information, please visit our website: www.artsofpointrichmond.com.



Wig wags were invented and popularized when cars became more common at railroad crossings. In the early days, wagons and buggies could hear and avoid trains, but as cars became more common the noise and complexity of operating early cars was enough of a distraction to early car drivers that car accidents at rail crossings became a problem. Something was needed to let cars know a train was coming. The idea was to have a visual clue (the wig-wagging of the wigwag) and the iconic ding-dinging we still hear at modern crossings were all started at the turn of the century. Since then, the standard has become arms that drop down, although we still hear the same ding-dinging to alert us to stop. As the current system of arms became standard, wig wags started disappearing. Our wig wags are unusual since there are hardly any left.

Taken from the Point Richmond Neighborhood Council minutes, thanks to Charmain Tyler.

***Arts of Point Richmond member
exhibitions and events - Summer 2019:***

***June 24 – September 30 at El Sol Restaurant,
101 Park Place, Point Richmond:***

***Art display featuring works by members of
AOPR's Exhibition Committee.***

***May 28 – July 22: at Post Office display
windows, 104 Washington Avenue, Point
Richmond: Art by members participating in
most recent "Art Tag" round, with the theme of
"Conceal/Reveal."***

***July 28, at Little Louie's Restaurant, (2:00-
5:00p) 49 Washington, Point Richmond:
Afternoon "pop-up" art exhibition and sale.***

***July 28: (1:00-5:00p) lawn in front of
Mechanics Bank: AOPR will have a table at the
celebration of restoration of Wig Wags, with art
featuring old Point Richmond or images related
to the trains or wig wags. This event marks the
100th anniversary of the unusual, old railroad
crossing signals at the entrance of town. The
special occasion is sponsored by the Point
Richmond Neighborhood Council.***

Wig Wags Forever!

by Victor Morales, Chairman
Wig Wags Restoration Committee

Eighteen years have passed since the Point Richmond community raised \$3,000 by donations and poster sales, to rescue from oblivion two rare wig wags at the entrance to our historic district. Administrative roadblocks and the swallowing up whole of a wig wag within a sink-hole in 2011 contributed to delays for their restoration. Happily those impediments are history; the fully restored wig wags can assume their place as iconic landmarks of the community.

Apart from historic ties to Richmond's early railroad days, the wig wags are a monument to a dedicated community that saved them for posterity. The Point Richmond Neighborhood Council and Richmond Museum of History provided unwavering support as sponsors of this challenging historic restoration project. A celebration of the successful effort to preserve our wig wags will occur on July 28th, from 1-5 PM, on the grounds of the Mechanics Bank in Point Richmond. Facing the future, the festival's theme is Wig Wags Forever. A dedica-



tion ceremony will feature a stentorian contribution by a civic leader, the ceremonial reactivation of the now fully restored wig wags, and a barber shop quartet singing traditional railroad songs and other old time favorites.

Recent research brought to light the long forgotten Wig Wag Rag (1911) and Richmond Rag (1908) which will be revived by performances at the festival. Exhibitors and vendors at the festival comprise local history organizations, railroad-oriented exhibitors, special activities for children, food and beverage booths, and much more.

Of unique interest will be an art exhibition depicting railroad crossings as interpreted by local, national, and international artists. Local artists are Elizabeth Tarr and Linda Lee; American artists include Edward Hopper; and from abroad the renowned French painters Fernand Leger and Camille Pissarro. Thematic wig wag posters created by Elizabeth Tarr will be available for purchase at the festival.

In 2015, I was hired by the City of Richmond and the Richmond Museum of History to restore the two upper quadrant wigwags located on Richmond Avenue in the historic Point Richmond District. We ran into a snag with the BNSF Railway and the project got stalled for three years. Those issues have finally been cleared up, and now we can get the wigwags restored so they can operate on special occasions. They will not be used to protect the crossing for trains since new crossing gates were installed back in 2004. But they will remain where they've always been, in the Richmond Ave. median at the BNSF crossing. This is the only case I know of anywhere in the country where the old crossing signals were allowed to be kept in place after being retired in favor of new technology.

Quick history on the wigwags:

These were once the most common type of automatic railroad crossing signal used in California from the mid 1920s through the 1940s. After the '40s, wigwags started disappearing rapidly, replaced by flashing light signals and crossing gates. It's safe to say that the wigwags in Point Richmond were installed sometime between 1925 and 1940 (it was illegal to install new wigwags after the early 40s). Maybe some old photos of Point Richmond during this time period will show up.*Dan Furtado*

We Have Standards!

Episode 3: False Historicism

by Caitlin Hibma

In episode 3 of “We Have Standards!” we’re going to talk about false historicism. This is preservation lingo, often uttered with a wrinkled nose as if smelling something fishy, that refers to new buildings or parts of buildings made to look – designed to deceive even – old and venerable.

The Secretary of the Interior dictates that under Standard 3: “Each property will be recognized as a physical record of its time, place, and use. Changes that create a false sense of historical development, such as adding conjectural features or elements from other historic properties, will not be undertaken.”

Have you been to the Bayfront neighborhood in nearby Hercules? It’s a large development of single-family houses arranged along tree-lined streets, with front porches facing picket-fenced yards, and garages along alleyways at the rear. Each house is an almost textbook example of various historic styles, leapfrogging each other down the street. There is the Italianate row house model, the Victorian farmhouse model, and the

Craftsman bungalow model. There are small hints that these houses were all built in 2005, but even this architectural historian was puzzled and disoriented the first time she visited the place. A layman would almost certainly assume he was walking through a charming and authentic historic neighborhood. This is an even more likely assumption when one realizes that the neighborhood is located directly adjacent to the Hercules Village National Register Historic District; the Hercules Powder Works company town built in 1890s and into the early twentieth century. A number of the architectural styles seen in the Hercules Village Historic District are closely mimicked in the “fake” Bayfront development and even the streetscape gives decidedly historic cues. No doubt the developers thought they were honoring the historic company town, but they have only ended up confusing and diluting its historic merits by building an architectural Disneyland next door.

False historicism can happen within a single



2578 Great Highway in center

building, too, even if it is, itself, historic. Consider the example of a modern addition made to an older building. If that addition is made so seamless that it has the same siding, windows, trim, and architectural ornament as the original portion of the house, it translates as being original to the house. In reality, that Craftsman bungalow never had a second story or that Queen Ann never had an attached garage, but the eave brackets or gingerbread lead you to think it did. Likewise, well-meaning salvagers and collectors often dig up old architectural parts and want to incorporate them into a building. The building may be old or new, but the parts being added don't belong to it. This creates a false sense of history for the building, confusing the viewer as to its age and original style. There is a Mid-Century house along Ocean Beach in San Francisco (2578 Great Highway to be exact) that is part of a small tract and has the same distinctive facade organization as a row of neighboring buildings, all in the Art Moderne style. This building, however, has been remodeled as an Italianate, its large picture window replaced with a set of three double-hung

sashes surrounded by paneled trim and sculpted window hoods. Bracketed cornices have been installed along the rooflines and spindlework graces the porch. There are fishscale shingles, paneled doors, and turned porch posts. At first glance the house declares it dates to the 1880s, but closer inspection (and checking Assessor's data) reveals that it, like every other house on the block, was built in 1941. While this is a fun "Aha!" moment when you figure it out the trick that's been played on you, it does a disservice to the true history of the house and its neighborhood context.

Ultimately, good preservation is a balancing act. As we'll see in succeeding Standards, it is important to make new construction and alterations compatible with historic fabric. It should complement, not compete, and blend nicely, but it should not copy or imitate in a way that will mislead the viewer into thinking it is historic. By muddling the historic character of a building, true history gets confused and eventually lost. As the Standard states, every building is a physical record of its time, place, and use. So, let's keep it real!

Thank You Pam!

I experienced a major corruption of the Microsoft Access list that I use to keep track of the PRHA members. Membership Chairwoman Pam Wilson was there to the rescue! She worked for hours helping me to accurately recreate the list using her index card backup system. My computer system is all up and running smoothly again.

Gary



Nice picture of Point Richmond in 1913, courtesy of the Richmond Museum of History



Early Minutes of the Women's Westside Improvement Club

It's amazing what's in the WWIC minutes! They date back to July 1908 when the Club started. The ladies met weekly. In the first six months they set projects in motion that we enjoy to this day: a statue at Washington and Park Place, a large drinking fountain, a park next to the Baptist Church, and the establishment of a reading room where the city hall had been in Mr. Critchett's place. Even the names are historical. These minutes are a priceless treasure of Point Richmond's history.

-Linda Newton, Past President

Point Richmond Sept. 3, 1909

A Special Meeting of the Womans West Side Improvement Club was called by President Mrs. Curry.

The meeting was called for the purpose of presenting to Past President Mrs. Lee Adams a present for the good work she had done for the Club which was appreciated by all members.

Mrs. Adams was taken by surprise when President Mrs. Curry stepped forward and presented to her a beautiful clock. It was several minutes before she could find words to express her feelings in thanking the members for the gift. Cake and punch were served.

Bills: J. Futter 1.75, Henner 2.50, Cozy Candy Store \$8.20. Total 12.45.

Meeting adjourned.

Ella Dimick, Secty

on the proposition but considered the \$500 his donation. After road would be completed to Neystroms it would be easy to have the rest fixed and right of way then would be given through a tract of land that had not been given. Mr. Nichol had a large map and showed the proposed Boulevards and it should be fixed as there is no way getting in to Richmond only out through McDonald Ave. and that may not be finished this winter. Mr. Critchett also stated what a great benefit it would be to get to Oakland as the streets will all be in a terrible condition for the winter. Also Mr. Adele, Mr. Berman stated their reasons in wishing the Boulevard fixed and also Mr. Nystrom.

Havas suggested the Secretary be instructed to send a letter to the City Council asking them to immediately take steps in having Cutting Boulevard rocked and made passable for this winter.

The meeting adjourned.

Point Richmond Sept 7, 1909

A special meeting was held at the reading room for the purpose of opening the Cutting boulevard to San Pablo Avenue.

Mr. Harry Elles, Mr. Adell, Mr. Boorman, Mr. John Nichol, Mr. Critchett, Mr. Cruchshank, Mr. Nystrom.

Mr. Elles stated that the Boulevard was nearly completed to the S.P. and if the ladies would help boost the proposition he thought the City Council would take some action in regard to fixing the road. Mr. Nichol offered to haul rock and put on road to Nystroms tract and then would be loosing \$500.00

Point Richmond Sept 7, 1909

The Womans West Side Improvement Club met at the reading room.

Meeting was called to order by President Mrs. Curry.

Roll call of officers resulted in all being present except Treasurer and Mrs. Roth, Mrs. Lucas, Mrs. Dimm of Executive Board.

Minutes of regular meeting held Aug 17 and Special held Sept 3 were read and approved.

Communications: A telegram from Mr. K. Scankanski saying he would not be here celebrating unveiling of the fountain. A letter from Mr. Younglove Secty of Society of Prevention of

Cruelty to Children or animals thanking the club for the beautiful fountain which was erected for the benefit of man and animals. Also a letter from Mr. J.F. Minner to committee from the Merchants of Pt. Richmond appreciate the efforts of the club has put forth for the improvement and betterment of the city and most sincerely appreciate the Beautiful Fountain and to show their appreciation their places of business would be closed from 1 to 8 oclock for the unveiling of the fountain.

Bills presented: Mrs. Curry for East Shore Park vaud. for dance 17.60. Mrs. Trautvetter for telephone for music & cook .45, Richmond Light & Power Co. 2.68, Mr. Critchett for Hall Rent for July & Aug 30.00. Mrs. Coleman for curtain rods & tacks 1.00. Earl Walker for washing windows 1.50.

Report of Finance Committee reported favorable on bills. Moved by Mrs. Delph seconded by Mrs. Walker warrants be drawn to pay bills, carried.

Report of Special Com.: Mrs. Walker reported that Mrs. Hudson would like to have one of the windows for her sewing machine to do sewing if she was librarian.

Mrs. Shaw withdrew her application for librarian.

Mrs. Coleman thought we should make every effort to keep library open and she would see if she could get Mrs. Grover's sister for librarian. Mrs. Minor said she would stay Sunday afternoon at reading room.

The subject of the Boulevard was discussed. It was moved and seconded that a letter be sent to the City Council. Members thought communication should be backed by some of the club going to the meeting.

A note of thanks was extended to Mrs. Coleman for fixing the curtains.

Receipts \$4.00

No further business appearing before the meeting the club closed.

Ella Dimmick Secty
Mrs. Curry President

met in the reading room.

Meeting was called to order by President Mrs. Curry.

Roll call of officers resulted in all being present except Financial Secretary, Treasurer, Executive Board, Mrs. Lucas, Mrs. Dimm.

Minutes of previous meeting were read and approved.

Bills presented: Bill of Mr. Critchett for rent 20.00. Bill of Geo Dimick for freight on fountain \$1.44. Bill of Miss Harsen as librarian 20.00. Pioneer Electric Co. for installing two switch lights. J.L. Mott Iron Works bal on fountain.

Finance Committee reported favorable on bills. Moved by Mrs. Coleman seconded by Mrs. Dimick warrants be drawn to pay bills. carried

Mrs. Coleman reported that a special meeting was called for the planting of trees a committee was appointed to see about trees and notify the property owners in regard to tree planting also to see City Council as to what kind could be planted. Committee, Mrs. Adams, Mrs. Curry and Mrs. Dimm.

It was reported that a gentleman here does tree planting and he would see what he could get trees for as he has a small nursery. It was discuss in regard to raising funds. Mrs. Lucas suggested a musical program and a delineation of characters. A dance was suggested and to give it soon for the benefit of the library. Moved and seconded we give the dance. carried. Committee appointed Mrs. Dimick, Mrs. Coleman, Mrs. J. Roth, Mrs. Adams, Mrs. Curtain, Mrs. P. Roth. Floor manager Mrs. Whitecomb. Reception Committee and also to assist floor manager Mrs. Dimm, Mrs. Brooks, Mrs. Niedecker. It was suggested that we sell candy and have punch free. Mrs. Coleman and Mrs. Walker to solicit for candy or for material for making.

Receipts Mrs. J. Roth \$1.00.

No further business appearing before the meeting the club adjourned to meet Oct. 5, 1909.

Mrs. Curry, Pres
Ella Dimick, Secty

Point Richmond California Sept. 21, 1909
The Womans West Side Improvement Club



The 60 year Unfinished Saga of Miller/Knox Regional Shoreline

By Bruce Beyaert

Recent adoption of a Land Use Plan Amendment (LUPA) for Miller/Knox Regional Shoreline by East Bay Regional Park District's Board of Directors sets the course for needed improvements to this popular, old park, but contains no funding to carry out these improvements. This makes it timely to reflect on the decades of effort that went into creating this first Regional Shoreline park in Contra Costa County and to explain the need for park users to weigh in to ensure that the planned improvements are funded and become reality.

Shortly after Contra Costa County voted to join EBRPD in 1964, Save The Bay and Contra Costa Shoreline Parks Committee launched a campaign for shoreline access when public land represented only 65 feet of Richmond's 33 miles of shoreline as shown on Save The Bay's following "Richmond's Inaccessible Shoreline" map. This was a bold vision given that near shore lands were covered by chemical plants, oil storage tanks, derelict railroad facilities, rotting piers and weed lots. Yet, even the most optimistic of these visionaries couldn't have expected that, 50 years later, over 19 miles — much more than half of the City's shoreline — would be accessible to the public.

Responding to this campaign, EBRPD's General Manager William Penn Mott, Jr., who later became California State Parks Director and then Director of the National Park Service, sent a letter to the Point Richmond Civic Group in 1966 stating "The place for a hillside shoreline Regional Park in Contra Costa County is at Point Richmond". The City of Richmond took an important first step by acquiring land and developing Keller Beach in 1967. By 1983, EBRPD had completed land acquisition and plans for the lagoon area, hillside and ridge line park lands. Extension of the park to Ferry Point was achieved by acquiring additional lands from Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railroad between 1988 and 1999. The following 60-year Saga timeline provides insight to the many steps needed to include Nicholl Knob, Ferry Point and other

features in the park.

The LUPA recommendations shown on a following page represent an important blueprint for needed improvements and development of Miller/Knox. Community pressure and support will be needed to ensure that funds are appropriated to carry out this excellent plan in a timely manner, so that it doesn't simply sit on a bookshelf as is the fate of so many planning documents.

The most important plan recommendations are those to provide long-awaited access to the mile-long western shoreline of this Shoreline park:

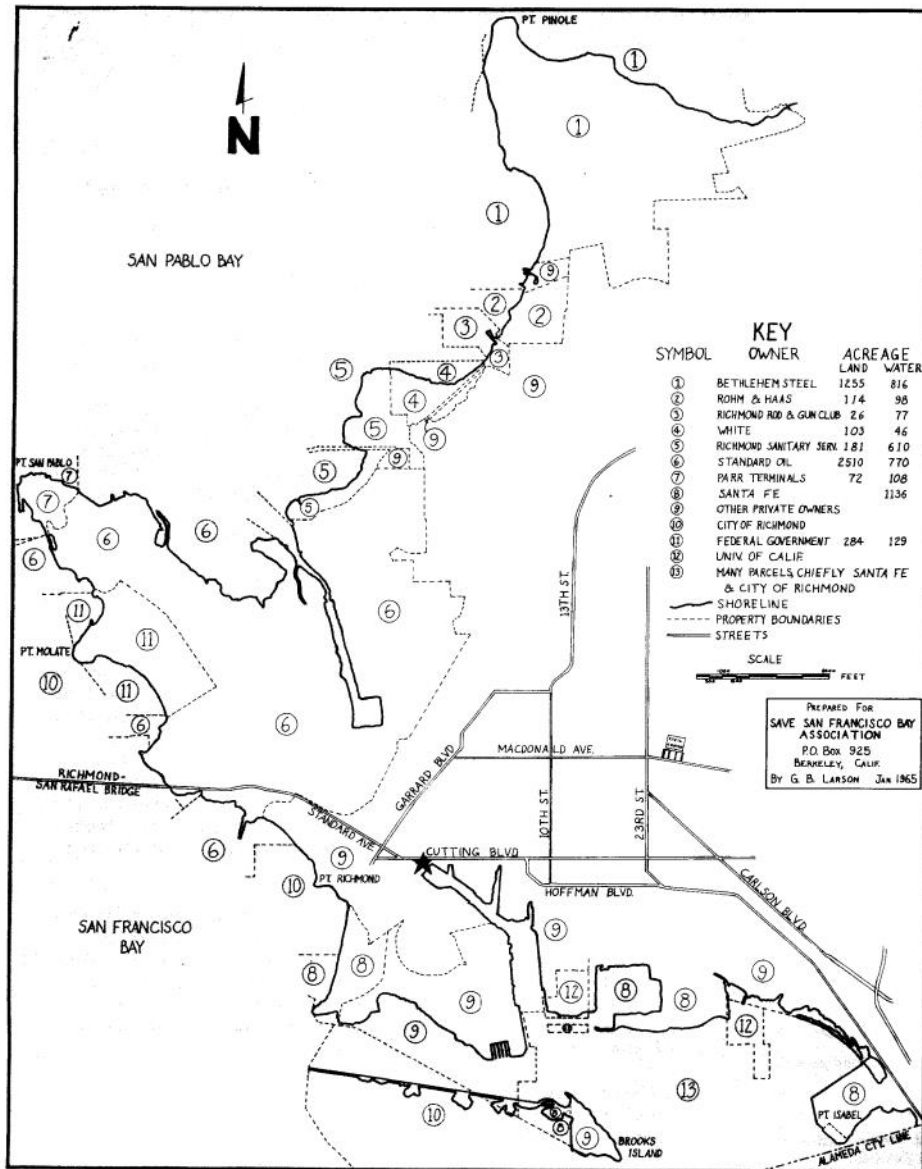
- ◆ "Remove the abandoned railroad tracks within District jurisdiction and develop a section of the San Francisco Bay Trail between Keller Beach and Ferry Point; and
- ◆ Formalize access between the Bayshore and the Lagoon Planning Areas."

Unfortunately, Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad (BNSF) has filed a lawsuit opposing these plans on the basis that they intend to extend rail operations out toward Ferry Point. EBRPD needs strong support from park users, the City of Richmond and others to prevail against this attempt to block shoreline access. Both the Richmond City Council and Contra Costa Board of Supervisors adopted resolutions opposing these plans on May 21 and directed staff to take important actions to implement this policy position.

Here's what YOU can do to help carry out the LUPA:

1. Oppose BNSF's attempted land grab by signing the petition at <https://www.stopbnsf.com>. and
2. Email EBRPD General Manager Robert Doyle asking for funding to carry out the LUPA recommendations which you believe to be most important and timely.

**In 1965 Richmond there were
33 MILES OF SHORELINE
65 FEET was for the PUBLIC**



RICHMOND'S INACCESSIBLE SHORELINE
★PUBLIC BOAT RAMP—65 FT.—THE ONLY PUBLIC ACCESS IN 33 MILES OF SHORELINE

A Timeline of The 60-year Unfinished Saga of Miller/Knox Regional Shoreline

Year	Event
1950s	Thomas E. Edwards, a docking pilot for Standard Oil, sells all his stocks and bonds to buy the western half of Nicholl Knob's summit for \$23,000 because his wife, Lucretia, was heartbroken when she discovered that housing was planned there.
1964	Contra Costa County residents vote to join East Bay Regional Park District (EBRPD). Contra Costa Shoreline Parks Committee & Save The Bay launch a campaign for shoreline access at a time when public land represents only 64 feet of Richmond's 32-mile shoreline.
1966	EBRPD General Manager William Penn Mott writes "The place for a hillside shoreline park in Contra Costa County is at Point Richmond." EBMUD cancels plans for a water tank on top of Nicholl Knob.
1967	City of Richmond establishes Keller Beach park.
1968	"Picnic In The- Point Park Cookbook" published by Contra Costa Shoreline Parks Committee "to promote a regional park on a section of our shoreline and the hills above it, including Nicholl Knob".
1970	Lucretia & Tom Edwards sell EBRPD their protected 371' elevation southern summit of Nicholl Knob at their original purchase cost.
1970-72	EBRPD acquires lands from Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railroad (AT&SF) and others.
1972	Miller/Knox lands dedicated for public park uses.
1975	Miller/Knox Regional Shoreline established, including Keller Beach.
1983	Miller/Knox Regional Shoreline Land Use-Development Plan & EIR.
1988-92	After years of negotiation, AT&SF enters into a settlement agreement selling EBRPD 28 acres of Ferry Point land (18 sub-tidal).
1995	Ferry Point Amendment to Land Use-Development Plan.
1996	EBRPD buys Crest Avenue site of AT&SF steam engine water reservoir in response to neighborhood requests and donations.
1997	Capping a 5-year effort of Point Richmond Neighborhood Council (PRNC), EBMUD completes underground water reservoir to replace old leaking tank on inland side of Nicholl Knob.
1999	EBRPD purchases 7-acre Bray Oil Company property.
2002	Ferry Point park land and improvements dedicated.
2003	Nicholl Knob park facilities dedicated after City of Richmond consolidates and undergrounds regional emergency telecommunication facilities. This completes a PRNC project launched in 1994 when cell phone facilities were proposed on and around Nicholl Knob.
2004	Voters approve Measure CC with \$1.2 million for capital improvements to "Remove tracks, fencing, and re-grade railroad right of way to provide public access from park to the bay and to Keller Beach" plus a major renovation of meadow areas.
2017	EBRPD goes to court against Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad (BNSF) over its effort to stymie these shoreline access plans.
2019	Despite legal threats from BNSF, EBRPD approves Miller/Knox Land Use Plan Amendment with recommendations to <ul style="list-style-type: none">• "Remove the abandoned railroad tracks within District jurisdiction and develop a section of the San Francisco Bay Trail between Keller Beach and Ferry Point and• Formalize access between the Bayshore and the Lagoon Planning Areas."

Prepared 4/25/19 by Bruce Beyaert based for early years upon files of Lucretia Edwards before they were given to Point Richmond History Association.

Miller/Knox Regional Shoreline Land Use Plan Amendment Recommendations Adopted 3/12/19

Access Recommendations

- ◆ Ferry Point Staging Area Expansion, to add 35 parking spaces
- ◆ Dornan Drive Staging Area, to formalize this existing staging area providing 83 parking spaces
- ◆ Canal Boulevard Staging Area, new staging area providing 29 parking spaces
- ◆ Promenade connecting Ferry Point Pier to the Lagoon Area

Facility Recommendations

- ◆ Develop Recreation Program and Storage Building for District use
- ◆ Rehabilitate the historic pumphouse building for passive interpretive use
- ◆ Replace the historic warehouse building with day-use and scenic vista point area

Recreation Recommendations

- ◆ Refurbish existing amenities, Including picnic areas and barbques
- ◆ Establish a new paved trail on east side of the lagoon
- ◆ Remove the abandoned railroad tracks within District jurisdiction and develop a section of the San Francisco Bay Trail between Keller Beach and Ferry Point
- ◆ Formalize access between the Bayshore and the Lagoon Planning Areas
- ◆ Implement Ridge land trailhead and trail improvements

Resource Recommendations

- ◆ Implement the Lagoon Enhancement Project – Dredging
- ◆ Provide an area for disposal of dredging spoils from the lagoon
- ◆ Designate the island as a Special Management Feature
- ◆ Provide a green-waste area for operations use and public education
- ◆ Replace under-utilized area of irrigated turf with drought-tolerant, climate-smart vegetation
- ◆ Establish native plant communities as demonstration gardens with connecting paths
- ◆ Continue to implement the District's Wildfire Hazard Reduction and Resource Management Plan recommendations and implement Integrated Pest Management and grazing recommendations to enhance habitat and site conditions in this planning area.
- ◆ Conduct an engineering design development study along the Bayshore and implement shoreline features to improve resiliency and climate change adaptation



***Point Richmond Summer
Music Festival
Free Music on the
Triangle
5:30 pm to 8:00 pm***

***June 14
Gator Nation
Afro Blue Grazz***

***July 12
Dirty Cello
Deep Blue Jam***

***August 9
Maurice Tani & 77 El Deora
Pellejo Seco***

***September 13
Matt Jaffe
Extra Large***

**SPEED LIMIT IN
STATE REMAINS
AT 30 MILES
AN HOUR**

There is to be no change in the speed laws of the state, and the limit remains thirty miles an hour on the highways in the country, the same as under the old law. The movement to have the limit increased to forty miles an hour was defeated in the assembly Saturday by a decisive vote.

It was contended that thirty miles an hour is fast enough for anybody to travel, and that a faster pace would endanger life. The fellows who get out on the highway and go from forty to sixty miles an hour, no matter what the speed limit may be, will go ahead in the future as he has in the past. Sometimes he will come out of it alive and once in a while he is subject for a coroner's inquest.

The assembly adopted the amendment to the motor vehicle act to prohibit discharging firearms from a moving vehicle of any kind and also the amendment making it obligatory to notify sheriffs and chiefs of police before dismantling an automobile.

3-31-19

Richmond Independent March 31, 1919

Our 2019 General Meeting

by Gary Shows

This meeting was held on Sunday, June 2nd at the Point Richmond Community Center on Washington Avenue. It was attended by approximately 40 people who endured our business meeting and enjoyed a slide show program by Mayor Tom Butt, followed by delicious cup cakes and cookies and other refreshments. It was a very enjoyable afternoon. If I knew I was going to present pictures this way, I would have made more of an effort to get a picture of everyone. Sorry if I missed you.



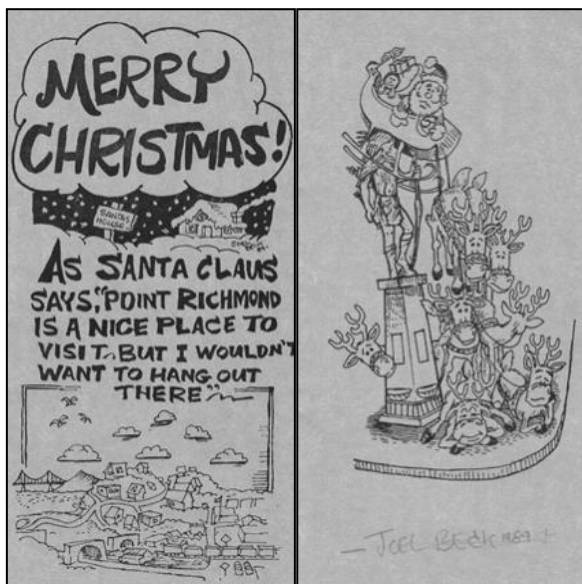
This is from a "fact diary", a book of headlines and interesting events in Early Point Richmond. It was compiled by Don Church from the "Richmond Independent", "Point Richmond News", "The Leader" and "Richmond Herald Record". It is one of many historical items left for us by Allan Smith.

Items of Interest Point Richmond, early 1900's *The Record and The Leader*

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| 04-03-1916 | Plans out for \$20 million bridge for Golden Gate. |
| 04-19-1916 | Chief Woods hires lawyer to defend him against council. |
| 04-21-1916 | W.T. Helms in fine new home at 11th and Roosevelt. |
| 04-22-1916 | Chief Woods removed from office by City Council. |
| 05-01-1916 | Worlds champion herd of cattle worth \$426,000 killed: 366 animals, 98 bulls, 268 cows at Lankershim as Hoof and Mouth disease heads South. |
| 05-16-1916 | Dan Cox is now the new Chief of Police. Took office today. |
| 05-17-1916 | New San Rafael ferry, "City of San Rafael" to be launched this evening. |
| 05-27-1916 | Probe of Richmond Fire Dept. by 4 chiefs of the Bay Area cities, results in firing of 12 firemen. |
| 05-28-1916 | Chief Cox is attacked by prisoner with monkey wrench. John Farrell aids chief. |
| 05-29-1916 | Attacker of Cox goes insane in jail. |
| 05-30-1916 | 100 petitions out to recall Mayor Scott, Hartnett, Carey, Osborn and Garrard over firing the firemen. |
| 06-02-1916 | 21,400 persons and 7,686 autos cross on Richmond-San Rafael over the 3 day holiday.

Firemen urge that Lemoine be kept as chief. 11 new firemen named effective tomorrow. Investigating committee says Lemoine is unfit as chief. |
| 06-03-1916 | Lemoine relieved from duty. McVittie to rehire the ousted men. |
| 06-04-1916 | Richmond has most paved streets of any city its size in Northern Cal. 103 out of 194 miles within the city limits. |
| 06-06-1916 | No outbreaks of hoof and mouth disease in past 29 days in CCCo. |
| 06-17-1916 | Council battles over Fire Dept. |
| 06-21-1916 | 35 firemen pass examinations incl. 11 dismissed who are on day by day. |
| 06-24-1916 | Lt. Russell Maughan lands in San Fran before 10pm in dawn to dusk flight from NY to SF, 21 hrs 49 mins. Opens new era in aviation! |
| 06-27-1916 | New "City of San Rafael" on trial run today. Free trip for 400 passengers around the bay. |
| 06-28-1916 | S.P. buys out new Richmond-San Francisco ferry system. |

Thanks to Linda Andrew-Marshall for donating to the PRHA a Joel Beck 1984 Christmas card for our Joel Beck Collection



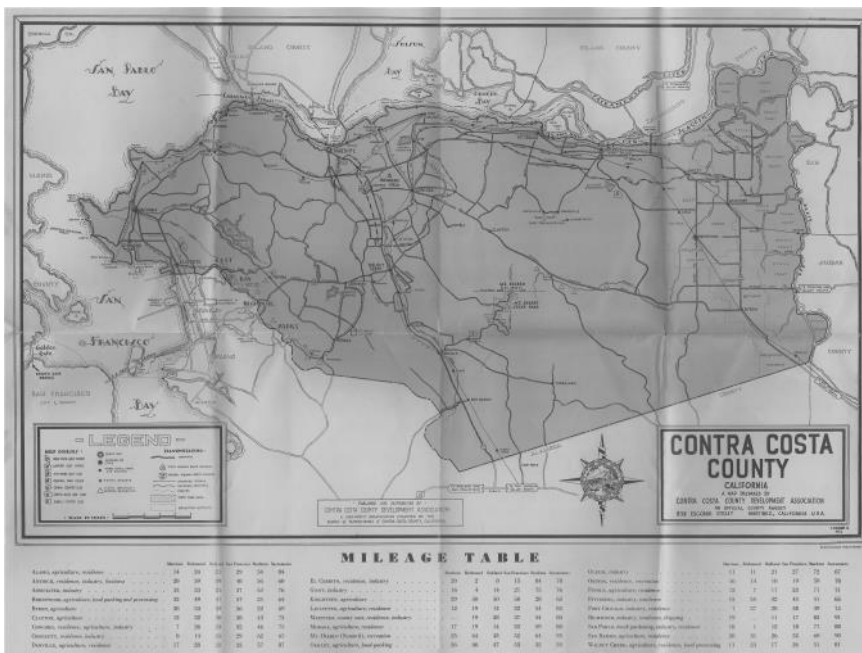
*1971 view of Santa Fe homes as seen from
Washington Avenue.
PRHA photo archive #1098 from Linda Andrew-
Marshall*



Thanks to Rosemary Corbin for donating to the PRHA her late husband Doug Corbin's file on his plans for Point Richmond's mini pocket parks.

Included was this wonderful 1953 map of Contra Costa County.

PRHA photo archive
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Birthdays

June

Alissa Bagley
Phyllis Downey
William Shea
Emeric H. Baxter
Andrew Butt
Kristine Lazaro
Joanne Lansing
Cathe Brazil
Brian Rotting

Stacey Spinola
Gill Stanfield
John H. Knox
Alice Baxter
Wilson Gandola
Rosemary Giacomelli
Daniel Buhler
Dianne Primavera
Suzanne Unser

Tom Kenny
Bill Smith
Aaron Marshall
Cynthia Wilson
Workman
Michael Marshall
Marcelina Smith
Gerry Higuera
Judy Travis

Lee Christian
Lillian Karl
Luke Karl
Graciella Feese
June Solosabal
Doreen Minkwitz
Morris Simpson
Mary Lee Cole

July

Francis Smith
Golda Pettycord
Howard
Amy Rotting
Nicole Sebastian
Mrs. Chas Baldwin
Dan Damon
Julius Matteucci

Bea Read
Mary L. Knox
Richard Smith
Diedre Cerkanowicz
Allen Anderson
Roger Elle
Trace Smith
Alice McMahon

Hilary Lord
Clifford (Lou)
MacMillan
Loretta 'Mertle' Lease
Madeline Bellando
Albright
Jean Reynolds
Regan Bradshaw

Jon Healy
Martha Bielawski
Madison Bradshaw
Dixie L. Mello
Lea Smith
Terry Lizarraga
Joan Glover-Carter

August

Donna Wilson
Mid Dornan
Kevin Pryne
Molly Kate Barnes
Joe Darling
Marlene Smith
Barbara Ward
Connee Fisher
Alice Thompson
Linda DeLaTorre

Zoanna Kille
Mary Knox
Karla Peterson
Alia Smyke
Terrence Doherty
Lisa Smith
Kelly von York
Rose Barra
Bonnie Ritzenthaler
Wilson

Bob Armstrong
Kim Morales
R. Clayton Barnes
Tony Bernabich
Michael Shaw
Megan Lizarraga
Roy Henry Glover
Bernie McIntosh
Beatrice Beesley Casey
Jim Healy

John Lizarraga
Karen Gagnier
Suzanne Bartram
Owens
Bernie McIntosh
Steve Rice
Kendall Craig

You share your birthday with about 9 million other people in the world!

Age is merely the number of years the World has been able to enjoy time with you.

CENTURY CLUB

Madeline Bellando Albright - 102
Delphina Franco Tawney - 101

Cards, Letters & E-Mails

Dear Gary,

I would like to correct some errors I noticed in the WWIC article. When Alyce Williamson's passing was mentioned, it was said she had been a president of WWIC. She had not been, but she was the very first TPIT correspondent of the WWIC setting a standard for us all.

Another error was the the spelling of the last name of Ruth Frachetto when it was announced in March that she was a new member. When she had been a guest in February, her last name was spelled correctly. Our apologies to Ruth!

Sincerely,
Linda Newton
Point Richmond

Dear Pam,

Please find by check for a year's subscription to "THIS POINT.....in time". Can you make one issue of the newsletter with Donna Roselius on the cover part of that? It brought back many memories of happy times.

Special love to Mid Dornan!

Thank you,
Wendy Thompson
Whitehaven, MD

Yes Wendy I will include a copy of that issue addressed to you with the next mass mailing.

Gary

Dear Pam,

Enclosed please find a check for 1 year History Preserver Membership for my daughter and son-in-law Alison Alderdice and Alexi Erenkov. They have just purchased their first home in Point Richmond and are very excited to become part of your wonderful community. My wife and I are long-time Bay Area residents and have always had a fondness for Point Richmond. Our dear friend Jane Cerny taught at Washington School for many years and gave us a couple of her old copies of "THIS POINT". We were charmed and couldn't think of a better housewarming gift for our kids.

I hope they will be able to attend the annual meeting on Jun 2 and introduce themselves and our grandson, Constantine.

All the best,
Mark Alderdice, M.D.FACEP
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EXCLUSIVE OVER 90 CLUB

Martha Bielawski - 95

Muriel Clausen - 94

Mary Bianchini Highfill - 95

Tom Kenny - 94

Loretta Stevens Johromi - 93

Billie Bonham Shaw - 97

June Beesley Sosabal - 95

Mid Dornan - 97

Morris Simpson - 96

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Alphonso Diaz - 95

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114 Washington Avenue, Point Richmond, 510-223-0487

GOLDEN STATE MODEL RAILROAD MUSEUM AND EAST BAY MODEL ENGINEERS SOCIETY

900-A Dornan Drive, Miller/Knox Regional Park. Sunday 12:00 to 5:00. Adults \$5, children under 11 and seniors \$3, family \$10. Trains run on Sunday and Wednesday 11-3, Saturday 12-5 viewing only. 510-234-4884 for details or www.gsrmr.org

MANY HANDS PROJECT TO SUPPORT WASHINGTON SCHOOL

Contact, Margaret Morkowski, 510-234-4219

MASQUERS PLAYHOUSE

The Masquers remains closed for building repairs. For more information see the website, <http://www.masquers.org>

PARENTS, RESOURCES AND MORE (PRAM)

A volunteer, nonprofit organization serving families with children 5 or under. Playgroups, social events, educational opportunities, Information go to <http://www.PRAM.net> or call 510-215-1734.

PARENT, TEACHER ASSOCIATION

Joanna Mina, Contact, 510-235-0157

POINT RICHMOND BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

Contact: Andrew Butt, 510-236-7445

POINT RICHMOND COMMUNITY CENTER

Info: 510-620-6905

POINT RICHMOND HISTORY ASSOCIATION

Museum is at 139½ Washington Avenue, and open Thursday's 11:30 to 2:00 and Saturday 11:30 to 2:00. See the *Editors Notes* on page 3 for next TPIT deadline. For information call President Mildred Dornan at 510-234-5334.

POINT RICHMOND NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

Meets last Wednesday of each month, Point Richmond Community Center; 7:30 P.M.

Contact: Margaret Jordon at 510-412-3673

POINT RICHMOND/WEST SIDE BRANCH LIBRARY

Information call 510-620-6567

RED OAK VICTORY SHIP

Open Saturday, Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday, 10am to 3 pm. \$10 Donation/Boarding fee.

Pancake Breakfasts one Sunday a month, April - June, August - October, \$9/adults, \$5/kids under 8 years,.

For more information call the ship at 510-237-2933 or the Richmond Museum of History at 510-235-7387 or visit

www.richmondmuseum.org

RICHMOND MUSEUM OF HISTORY

400 Nevin Avenue, Richmond. Open Wednesday-Sunday, 1:00 to 4:00 pm. For more information call 510-235-7387

RICHMOND SWIMS

The Children and teens "Sail Fish" and Masters swim teams at the Richmond Plunge. Contact: Coach John Schonder, 510-504-0330 - September 25, 2011 open water bay swim raises money for coaching, equipment, pool fees and swimming scholarships for inner-city youth throughout Richmond. More info at <http://www.richmondswims.org/> or call 415-892-0771

ROSIE THE RIVETER NATIONAL HISTORIC PARK VISITOR CENTER

1414 Harbour Way South, Oil House next to Ford Craneway.

For more information call 510-232-5050 or visit www.nps.gov/rori.

See page 22 for programs. GREAT movies all day

WASHINGTON SCHOOL

Washington School at 565 Wine Street offers traditional and Spanish dual immersion curriculum, K - 6th grade. Contact principal Lisa Levi at 231-1417 for more information.

WOMEN'S WESTSIDE IMPROVEMENT CLUB (established 1908)

Richmond's longest standing women's club. Contact: Diane Diani, President. Email: italiandiane@gmail.com

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