PCCS Fundraisers
Grassroots Bluegrass Gathering – March 25, 2023

Over 300 people of all ages came to the successful fundraiser for the Port Costa School on March 25th. Five Bay Area bluegrass bands, including Port Costa's own Mitch Polzak, played from the front steps of the school on an absolutely beautiful sunny afternoon.

The festival vibe included vendors, walking tours and prize drawings that included a collection of Tom List and Billy Martini's instruments. The grand prize was a Queen-sized Quilt creation by Kathleen Thomas. Huge thanks for the donation and thanks to the Crockett Community Foundation for their matching grant.

There are so many volunteers to thank for making this festival happen. Anne Mann as Coordinator, Tom List as emcee and co-instigator with Suzanne Statler, Janet Wood, Monica Greene, Veronica Crane, Tina Santos, Margaret Faria, Vicky Oswald, Laurie Beauchemin, Joel Cadena, Ellia Cadena, John Mann, Joey Henderson, The Chen Family, Michael Dempsey, Phil Stevens, Robin Nazariam, Sarah Louise Humann, Tim Humann, Jason Brown, Bibiana Princeton, Peter Bahnson, Vina & Andy Smith, Sophie & Hans List family, Jeanavive Janssen, plus the Crockett Community Foundation for their matching grant.

2023 Town Wide Yard Sale at the Port Costa School

A near record turnout of shoppers came to Port Costa for our annual Town Wide Yard Sale on May 27th. Our Schoolyard offered parking, vendor space and bathrooms creating a welcoming town square!

Thanks to Anne Mann for coordinating the event along with Sarah Louise Humann (vendors), Tim Humann (parking), Dee Stewart and Laurie Beauchemin (Snacks), Anne Scheer and Jeff Wilson (floaters). The Crockett Community Foundation matched $1,000 of the proceeds making the day a win for town and a fundraiser for the School.

4th of July Community BarBQ

The Port Costa Schoolyard was home again for the traditional Port Costa 4th of July Potluck and BarBQ. This year, games were set up for all to enjoy. Corn Hole, Jenga, and a Piñata started off the afternoon. Our 1933 Fire engine, pictured above, was fired up for a town tour and photo op. An all-kids' kickball game was a highlight of the afternoon. A good time was shared by all!

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On the 2nd Tuesday of the month, the Port Costa School is home to community gatherings to raise money for local non-profits. Organizers Sarah Louise Humann and Grace Dare emcee the games, prizes, and fun in support of our Firefighters, Community Garden, the Port Costa School and more. You're invited to come! Festivities start around 6:00 PM!

Chairman's Report

Well it looks like we're coming out of our pandemic slumber. This year we had a great Bluegrass festival, a traditional town 4th of July celebration, started back up with yoga, and added two different dance classes. St. Patrick's Mission Catholic Church celebrated its 125th anniversary with a luncheon in our auditorium.

We have two other events scheduled before our town holiday celebration this December. The school house is a great place to have your "do it yourself" event. Think kids' birthdays, your anniversary, or a wedding. We charge non-members a nominal fee but if you're a member in good standing or a town resident and have been with us for a while, you can use the building for a donation set by your own financial generosity. We normally handle 4 to 5 events a year and that helps pay taxes and insurance. Last year was the first year we were without a wedding celebration or similar event. So keep us in mind for your 20th wedding anniversary or your son's wedding.

The school yard is as popular as ever. The community garden is flourishing thanks to a bunch of volunteers and gardeners. We now have picnic tables, tetherball and expect Pickleball soon - all thanks to grants from the Crockett Community Foundation. Much appreciated!

Town residents, please take a look at the enclosure about the Field Semester plans' impact on the town. We've worked hard to provide a factual and balanced assessment.

Be well. Be safe. - Jeff Wilson, Chairman PCCS

From the Community Garden

Immunity Boosting Sun Tisane: A tisane is a traditional style herbal infusion that includes fresh spring water, sunlight, aromatic plants, time and well wishes. Most of these ingredients can be found in raised bed #1 and are available to the community to harvest.

Directions: Grab a mason jar of your liking. Fill the jar halfway with harvested leaves and flowers of lemon verbena, oregano, rosemary, catnip, lavender, purple sage, calendula, and basil. Pour fresh spring water over your plants and fill the jar to the top. Thank the plants for their contribution to your health and place in the sunshine. Strain and enjoy your tisane the next day after 24 hours have passed.

A huge thank you to all of the volunteers with a special shout out to Cathy Sands, Sheller Clark, Rachel Stanich, Tammy Dempsy, Chris DiBiase, Darryl Lavender, Alicia Johnson, The Weber Family, and all of the garden members who continue to grow beauty and show up to help keep the place inviting to all.

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PCCS Board Meetings are held the 3rd Monday of every month, **7pm**, at the Port Costa School

Building Improvements

Exterior Lighting

The School's iconic center stair light had eerily been going on and off arbitrarily for almost a year before, thanks to a grant from the CCF, we were able to replace the light bulb and sensor using a boom lift, pictured above. The exterior motion sensor security lights and conduit were also replaced. Thanks, CCF!

Upgraded Landlines and Internet with Cost Savings

Our fire, elevator and security phone lines had been poorly serviced and expensive through AT&T. In talking with Comcast, they were able to provide faster Internet and phone lines – for less money. Done!

Picnic Tables and Schoolyard Games

The playground has some new additions. Four new picnic tables, pictured here, are now in the yard and are used most days. Thank you to Billy Martini for donating a new flag, pictured right. Tetherball has been a popular addition. Next – Pickleball court will be set up!

Thanks to the CCF Grant!

We are grateful for the financial support and volunteer efforts that keep the school open for our community to enjoy. Our next volunteer work party will be 9am Saturday, October 21st, at the school.