

# FRIENDS OF PRICE HOUSE, INC.

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*Preserving the past for the future*



## Summer 2014 Newsletter

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### Moving Into The Future With Purpose

by Jeannie Nix, Secretary

After adoption of the Price Historical Park (PHP) Master Plan, work on restoration projects and creation of better all-weather access to PHP is progressing. The board recently devoted time to assessing the strategic needs for transition into a new phase of the PHP stewardship. The volunteers and supporters of PHP have identified relationships and skills needed to effectively move forward.

The Friends of Price House (FOPH) have dedication and passion for PHP. That passion has forged positive relationships with Pismo Beach City Manager, City Staff, Commissions and City Council. The City Council approved funding for infra-structure that will provide all-weather access; parking; grading and restrooms. FOPH has long stretched every penny of City funding, donations and grants to gain the greatest possible benefits.

To move the process along more quickly, FOPH has recruited professional engineers, contractors and others to volunteer their time and talents to meet all the building and design codes for City approval.

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Jeff Brown, 2013  
Volunteer of the Year  
and the Mantel Project

### President's Message

by Effie McDermott

We are, at last!, on the brink of seeing some major changes to the grounds at the park. This drought has really hit home. Although everything around us is brown, our well (which is only 27 feet deep, and is powered by the windmill) has not yet gone dry. Which is amazing! the newer oak trees, the old rose bush, and the irises are kept alive with water from the well through the daily efforts of Judi and Bruce Pedersen, who come out daily to move that teensy trickle of water from tree to tree. Joseph Michael Scott and members of Eco-Rotary clean the house and groom the parched landscape regularly.

This arid scene is perfect timing for the great news that we are soon to begin grading the grounds to put in an all-weather road and parking area. This has been a seven-year effort by our board and has culminated with volunteer engineering and landscape design by Jeff Emrick of Garing Taylor Civil Engineers, Michael Cripe and Carol Florence at Oasis Associates, Richard Pfof of GeoSolutions, all coordinated by our board member Dave Watson.

This makes us want to do the happy dance! Being able to drive to the Price House in rainy weather without getting stuck in the mud (yes, it will rain again) is one of the delightful pleasures our volunteers have looked forward to for decades.

Join us for the **Ground Breaking Ceremony, Thursday August 28<sup>th</sup>, 11am – 1pm.**

But if you miss that, come to the **Ice Cream Social, Saturday September 20<sup>th</sup>, 12 pm – 4pm.**

We will have ice cream for our volunteers and supporters. Come see what is going on.

*Thank you for such loyal and continuing support!*



#### Special Points of Interest:

- 2014 Ice Cream Social Celebration
- Park Master Plan Approved by City Council
- 2014 Park Funding Approved

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## *Upcoming Events ...*

- **Board Meetings - 1<sup>st</sup>**  
Weds of each month
- **August 28<sup>th</sup> – 11am,**  
**Park Groundbreaking**
- **Ice Cream Social**  
**September 20, 2014**
- **2015 Annual Meeting**  
**February 4, 2015**



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## Membership Renewals

FOPH donations added to your “cumulative” giving level. The more you donate, the higher up the various donor recognition levels you progress. At the \$500 (“Alcalde”) Recognition Level, you are presented with a wooden and embossed plaque identifying your donations. As you continue to donate, your Recognition Levels continue to increase.

We look forward to growing with you and appreciate your generosity in supporting FOPH’s efforts.

## Recognition Levels

- \_\_\_\_\_ El Buchon Donor Level (\$10,000)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Gaspar de Portola Donor Level (\$5,000)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Junipero Serra Donor Level (\$2,500)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Patron Donor Level (\$1,000)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Alcalde Donor Level (\$500) \_\_\_\_\_ Sustaining Level (\$200)

## Annual Dues

- \_\_\_\_\_ Dues Individual (\$25) \_\_\_\_\_ Dues Senior - Student (\$15)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Dues Family (\$35)

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## **Moving Into The Future With Purpose**

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FOPH strategic goals include strengthening board development; building on the Community’s good will; fund raising; developing park grounds that afford greater access for public tours to share the experiences of Pismo Beach’s history and the serenity of the Rancho setting that is at the heart of PHP. Of course vigilant preservation and restoration efforts must continue.

Some people ask what they can do to help. As newsletter subscribers, you have shown an interest and desire to support PHP. Certainly monetary donations are most appreciated and make a huge difference to accomplish the restoration and preservation.

In addition, volunteers from all walks of life are needed and welcomed. Individuals wishing to become directly involved in shaping the future of the PHP are encouraged to join the board of directors. Each board member has a specific area of responsibility for the park whether through the improvements; restorations; docent activities; fund raising; park security or administrative duties.

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