

# PIRU NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MEETING

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## COMMUNITY MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY May 21, 2025

### VOLUNTEER EXECUTIVE BOARD

PRESIDENT: KEN WISEMAN  
VICE PRESIDENT: IRENE RUIZ  
TREASURER: JUDY DALEY-LOVETT  
SECRETARY: MEGHAN SHEETZ  
MEMBER AT LARGE: ANDREA ARREDONDO

MEETING LOCATION: **Community Center – 802 Orchard Street**

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### GENERAL MEETING: BEGINS - 7:07 pm

- CALL TO ORDER – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – BOARD ROLL CALL
  - Present: Irene, Meghan, & Andrea
  - Absent: Ken & Judy
- MEETING MINUTES April Minutes – Meghan
  - Irene motions to approve, Andrea seconds. All Ayes.
- TREASURY REPORT: April Treasury Report – Judy via email
  - Meghan presented the report
    - March 31<sup>st</sup> Balance: \$12,052.52
    - April 12<sup>th</sup> Balance: \$71,537.52
    - Film Impact Donation from Random Productions, LLC: \$59,500
    - Annie reports the Senior Center internet and subsequently the security system are not working, although a monthly payment is made.
      - Donald will stop by next week to troubleshoot.
      - Update! Donald has been able to fix the internet connection. Both internet and security system are working. Thanks, Donald!
  - Meghan motions to approve, Irene seconds. All Ayes.

### LIGHTS & SIRENS:

- LOCAL FIRE REPORT – Capt. Valdillez
  - Fire Hazard Reduction Program (**FHRP**): Weed abatement notices going out in June. Everyone received general notice.
  - More details online: should have 100 feet brush clearing from house. 10 feet for trees and chimneys.
  - Good weed abatement is good fire prevention.
  - FHRP website posts pictures online to see if you passed inspection.
  - **Reminder!** Rattlesnake season with warming weather. Avoid hiking in heat of day and nighttime. Can call 911 for assistance.
  - **Resident:** What about alley brush clearings?
    - Can't do much until it is considered a fire hazard.
    - Not in FHRP, not much we can do.
  - **Resident:** How are inspections done?
    - We walk around property with owners. Will wait for owners if not home.
    - About one hour per six houses. Depends on the property. Inspection done on foot, not yet by drones.
- CHP REPORT – Officer Cisneros
  - April's Distracted Driver Awareness Month: 3,000 tickets given out in one day throughout California. Phones aren't the only distraction, can be makeup application, GPS, eating, etc.
  - May's Motorcycle Safety Month

- Coincides with Bike Safety Month
    - Warmer weather, more cycles on the streets.
  - Statewide enforcement on 5/23 & 5/26: speeding, seatbelts, etc.
  - **Resident:** Do you do speed enforcement on Main St.?
    - Had a speed enforcement about two weeks ago.
    - Covering wide region and understaff.
  - **Resident:** Noticed major issues during 6 am – 9 am on Main St. Speeding, no stopping at the stop sign. Maybe having the presence of CHP near the entrances to Piru would make drivers more aware to slow down before they get to Piru.
  - **Resident:** Accident with an e-bike and car happened last week resulting in a major injury. Is there an e-bike class available? Where can we find the e-bike rules?
    - e-bikes need to be registered to be road ready. No sidewalks or shared pathways.
    - There are Start Smart classes but more catered to vehicle driving. Vehicle code does apply to e-bikes but there is only so much CHP can do with enforcement.
    - **Officer will check with PIO for possible upcoming e-bike class.**
- SHERIFF REPORT – Officer Collins
  - Can reach out to host Bike Rodeo if Piru interested. Piru is very interested!
  - With warmer weather comes more vandalism, crimes of opportunity.
    - No items left in cars
    - Ring cameras that record and store are important too.
  - AC condensers stolen at new housing development.
    - Camera at entrance of Piru due to new vandalism.
  - Graffiti gang vandalism – increased enforcement.
    - Suspect identified. If anyone sees a white BMW, call sheriff. They are not local and may be from LA.
  - Lake Piru detail
    - Sheriff assigned during the summer season.
  - **Resident:** What about the kid incident?
    - Ring cameras. Pictures good.
    - **Irene needs to follow up**
    - Kat knows Caroline reported it.
- CERT or Firewise - Irene or Michael Lopez
  - Firewise Vegetation Thinning Park Street Project
  - No CERT Update.

## LEADERSHIP TEAM UPDATES:

- Filming Update – Kat
  - HBO Production: more filming dates posted at [www.FilmingInPiru.com](http://www.FilmingInPiru.com)
    - Flyer posted at the post office too.
    - Piru School is aware.
    - Last block of filming for five business days begins June 3. After filming will deconstruct the movie set.
    - Bus stop relocates to Post Office.
    - Intermittent Traffic Control (ITC) wraps up Monday. By June 20 will be back to normal.
- Public Works Update – Donald
  - Shout out to Public Works, done well with weed abatement.
  - Any County Property areas need attention reach out to the PNC and they

will pass along to Donald.

### Events:

- April 19, 2025 – Firewise Chipping Event – Success!
  - Thank you to volunteers picking up yard cuttings throughout Piru.
- May 2025 – Lake Piru swim beach now open. No Lifeguards.
- May 26, 2025 – Piru Memorial Services 9 AM – Piru Cemetery
  - Flags and crosses placed at cemetery 10 AM, volunteers welcome.
- May 28, 2025 – Firewise Vegetation Thinning Park Street Project
  - Seven days of thinning out brush and trees along Park St.
- May 29, 2025 – Annual H.S. Senior Graduation Dinner at Newhall Mansion from 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm.
  - Will take late RSVPs. Let us know if a senior hasn't RSVP'd.
- June 13, 2025 – Lake Piru – Family Fishing Clinic – 5 pm – 8:30 pm
  - Registration Required: [www.explorelakepiru.com](http://www.explorelakepiru.com)
- July 5, 2025 – Free Fishing Day – Lake Piru - No fishing license required

### Old BUSINESS:

- Fire Mitigation and Creek access clearing – Ken/Mike Lopez
- Status on having generators in town at School, Community Center, and Senior Center
- **Event Leadership**
  - Be a Coordinator for one or more of our events: Halloween, Viva Piru, Senior Dinner, Mansion Tour, Christmas Parade, Youth Summer Event, Bicycle Rodeo, Lake event, lots of other opportunities to host events!!!!

### OTHER NEW BUSINESS:

- Keep your eyes out for postings of upcoming brush and tree limb clearing – looking for several volunteers. Updates
  - No volunteers needed at this time for Park St. Project.
- FEMA flood designation – support from Congresswoman Julia Brownley
- Other important improvements for Piru?

### PUBLIC COMMENT - WE WILL ALWAYS HOLD 30 MIN FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

**3 MINUTES PER COMMENT PLEASE**

- **Piru Library Update**
  - All Piru School students return library books before summer break.
  - Summer Reading begins June 3<sup>rd</sup>. Sign up at the library!
  - Reminder the Piru Library is a cooling center during the summer heat. Check hours on website: [library.venturacounty.gov](http://library.venturacounty.gov)
  - Gun locks available for pick up at the library, until supplies last. FREE!
- **Supervisor Long's Office – Michael Durazo**
  - EJ Harrison Trash Event on June 21 at 9 AM. Bring presorted trash.
  - Pet Vaccines: Grant secured for Mobile Pet Vaccines. Being built now and should have schedule by next year. Will keep community updated.

- Resident wonders if they can offer spay/neuter services too? Will pass along the request.
- Irene: A park host will be coming to the Depot Park. Vince is covering Warring Park and Depot Park at this time. The community may notice a trailer placed at the Depot Park for the new host. Vince will continue to cover Warring Park.

**NEXT PNC MEETING – June 18, 2025 – Train Depot Gazebo– Center St.  
Meeting End 8:12 PM**

**THANK YOU FOR SHARING YOUR VALUABLE TIME WITH THE PNC AND OUR COMMUNITY!**