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Upcoming Events

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Dear neighbors,

Fall is definitely here: the days are shorter and cooler, and the blackberries have dried up (my son Mason is very disappointed). But that means we have our community holiday events right around the corner: Trunk or Treat this weekend (I'll be handing out candy), the Christmas Ships and bonfire, and Santa's visit. Hope to see you all at these events.

We also hope you'll join us for a special neighborhood safety meeting on Nov. 1 at 6:30 pm, prior to the BPIC board of trustees meeting. Unfortunately, our neighborhood has seen an increase in burglaries lately. This meeting will be a good opportunity to find out what we can do as neighbors to make our community safer.

If there's anything you'd like to see in future bulletins, or if you have questions about BPIC events or membership, [let us know](#).

Thanks,
Matt Williams
President, Browns Point Improvement Club

Dec 8: [BPIC General Meeting, Christmas Ships & Bonfire](#)

Dec 12: [Santa visits the BPIC](#)

BPIC Quick Links

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Clubhouse Rentals



Email [Alice Owen](#) or call (253-927-1042) for available rental dates and further information. Dates are filling up for fall and Christmas!

Community Links

[Soundview Little League](#)

[District 10 Little League](#)

[Points Northeast Historical Society](#)

Boo! Trunk or Treat this Sunday

Witches and goblins looking for sweet treats should look no further than the BPIC's annual Trunk or Treat. Kids ages 0-10 can go from trunk to trunk, collecting candy from volunteers who have decorated their spooooooky trunks. Start a new tradition with your family and join us at the BPIC!



When: 6 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 30th
Where: BPIC clubhouse parking lot
Who: Kids ages 0-10

Volunteers needed! Contact A Lowery at 253-297-0703 to help out.

Kids Fishing Derby Hauls in Great Catches

Every participant went home a winner

This year the kids fishing derby was held on September 18th on an overcast day that reeled in 124 registered participants. Not only did each child walk away with a T-shirt designed by local artist Amanda Stice,

13, and printed by Calico Screen Printing, each child got to select his or her own prize from a large variety of items: bicycles, scooters, TVs, games and wonderful toys. Thank you to our shoppers!



Derby winners (L to R): Luke Hansen (1st place), Melina Hansen (Grand Prize) and Maddie Stensrud (2nd Place)

Besides the beautiful winning fish caught, there were also various sea creatures and varieties of fish that landed prizes, like flounder, dog fish, bull heads and -- most unusual -- a "cabezon."

- Grand Prize Winner: Melina Hansen 7lb 10 oz Silver
- 1st Place: Luke Hansen 7lb 9 oz Silver

- 2nd Place: Maddie Stensrud 6lb 4 oz Silver
- 3rd Place: Marin Bundy 6lb 3 oz Silver

We would like to recognize our sponsors; this event would not happen if it were not for the following individuals, families and businesses:

ABC Transmission, Ace Hardware Browns Point, Amy Brown, Animal Emergency Clinic, Bill Drew-Windermere Real Estate, Browns Point Diner, BPI Medical Inc., BPIC, Browns Point Pizzeria, Browns Point Veterinary, Bruce Rayment, Burnham family, Calico Screen Print & Embroidery, Camile VanDevanter DDS MSD, Captiva, Carrie Kuhel-State Farm Insurance, Clara & Chase Darlington, Coffee and Cream, C-Quest Enterprises, Dick Nite Spoons, DPSIC, Evergreen Bass Club, Fife Commercial Bank, Fransen family, Gundersons, Hopper family, Hopsen family, Stice family/Express Tubes, Jesse Engineering, Jim Stice-Specialty Metals Corp., Kent Holmes Painting Inc., Larry Kuhel-Edward Jones, Leader One Financial Corp., Len Loflin, Les Schwab/Shaub Ellison/Fife, Lobster Shop, Manke Lumber, McClung family, McKay family, Miller Malone & Tellefson, MowTowne Landscaping, Kelly Oathout Construction, Olympic Mountain Products, Otto Leschner family, Overmars family, Owen family, Pepsi Tacoma, Points NE Historical Society, QFC Northshore, Schnitzer Steel Industries Inc., Scott Peters-Edward Jones, South Hill RV Sales, Sportco, Streich Brothers Inc., Target-Federal Way, Umpqua Bank, Walt Flint family, Dr. Zimmer DDS.

The kids derby is run by Ben Overmars, Jr. and his crew (Tom Owen, Jason Walter, Jeff McClung, Brian Fransen, Greg Harris, David Law and Mike Brown). Special thanks to Lynn Hopson and the kitchen crew, Darcy Hansen and crew for organizing toys and distributing t-shirts. Thank you to all our wonderful volunteers!



Generous donations from local businesses and families means every kid goes home with the prize of their choice, even if they didn't catch the big one.



Everyone had a whale of a good time. See you next year!

Neighborhood Safety: Recent Burglaries Prompt BP Safe Streets Meeting on Nov. 1

By Kevin McCann, Pierce County Prosecutor's Office & BPIC Board Member

You have probably heard from your neighbors about the higher-than-normal number of burglaries in Browns Point recently. These burglaries have occurred at all hours of the day and have ranged from a break-in and theft of money and electronics, to the stealing of a boat from a resident's driveway.

As the head of the Pierce County Burglary Unit, I can tell you that we are not alone in our frustration with the recent upsurge in criminal activity. County-wide we have seen a triple digit increase in felony referrals for Burglary offenses and a 10 percent increase in charged cases over the past year. The reason for this dramatic increase in burglaries is a topic for another discussion. What we need to do now is focus on how to protect our homes and property.

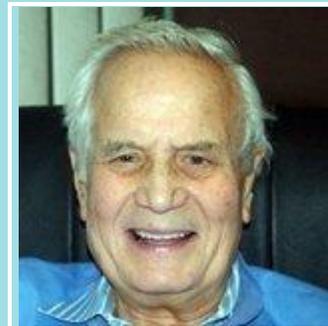
Given the limitations on available police officers to patrol the neighborhoods in Pierce County, it is unrealistic for us to expect the Sheriff's Department to allocate more full-time patrol officers to monitor the criminal activity in our neighborhood. Fortunately for us,

we don't need to create a solution on our own. Twenty-two years ago, Pierce County citizens just like us faced similar problems with crime in their neighborhoods. They united to make a change, and out of this was born Safe Streets. Since its inception, Safe Streets has helped form more than 5,000 block watch groups and dedicates itself to harness the power of community collaboration to tackle neighborhood challenges. Please visit the Safe Streets website at safest.org to learn more about their history and what they have to offer.

It's time for Browns Point/NE Tacoma to get involved. Safe Streets has offered to meet with our neighborhood to discuss setting up a block watch or Browns Point Safe Streets chapter. Please join the BPIC trustees in a meeting with Kathy Martin from Safe Streets at **6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, November 1st** at the BPIC Clubhouse. Kathy will discuss how to help protect our community and outline resources that Safe Streets can provide to get us organized.

Browns Point Dentist Dr. Loflin Retiring

After serving the community for 55 years, Dr. Leonard Loflin is retiring. An open house is planned to celebrate Dr. Loflin's retirement from 4-7 p.m. on Friday, November 4th. All are welcome!



Dr. Leonard Loflin

Below is a letter from Dr. Loflin about his retirement and his replacement:

To My Many Wonderful Patients and Friends,

For some time now, I have been contemplating retirement from my practice of fifty-five years, but several things have kept me from focusing on it.

First is the deep love and appreciation I have for each of you. Secondly, it has been the trust you have given me and allowed me to serve your dental health needs. I trust I have served you with integrity and quality. This has always been my goal.

Another concern was trying to find someone whom I felt would treat you with the same compassion and tenderness in providing the quality of care that I know you deserve.

Well, after many months of searching and interviewing, we, the entire staff and I, have found a perfect person. Her name is Dr. Esther Min. Dr. Min is highly qualified in her education and experience and I know that she will take care of you like a neighbor and a friend, as she and her family are residents of Browns Point for over a decade.



Dr. Esther Min

Dr. Min received her DDS degree in 2000 at the University of Washington Dental School after receiving her bachelor's degree from Columbia University in NYC. Dr. Min began her dental career working for renowned pedodontist, Dr. Daniel Cook, to refine her skills in treating children. She then joined a private practice in Gig Harbor as an associate until she found her current practice in University Place. Dr. Min and her associate has built up a successful practice there but her hope has been to be closer to home in Browns Point and when we met at my office for the first time, she told me that it felt like "home."

Dr. Min's additional training includes a year-long USC Comprehensive Surgical & Restorative Implant Training Program and advanced training through Kois Center and Spear Education. Dr. Min has been awarded the prestigious Fellowship and the Master of Academy of General Dentistry for her advanced training and teaching in multiple disciplines of dentistry. As one of the youngest recipients of MAGD in the country, she joins just a handful of clinicians in our area with such recognition and I know that with Dr. Min, you will be in good hands.

I know the transaction will be a little anxious for all, but the wonderful news is that the staff, Sandy K, Bonnie, and Sandi W, will continue to serve you alongside Dr. Min. The smiles you have always seen will still be on their faces as they wait to see you again. I will miss working with them.

I will begin my retirement on November 1st. I wholeheartedly encourage each of you to give Dr. Min the opportunity to serve you. She will now be my dentist.

Thank you for all the years of memories. I love you and will miss you, but be assured, I will never forget you.

*Lovingly,
Dr. Leonard Loflin
"Hot Dog"*

Join us! Holiday Activities in Browns Point



BPIC General Meeting, Bonfire and Christmas Ship

When: BPIC Board Meeting at 6 pm (all are welcome), General Meeting at 6:45 pm, bonfire on the beach at 7:30 pm and Christmas ships arrive at 7:55 pm -- all on Thurs., Dec. 8

Where: BPIC Clubhouse

Historic Lighthouse Cottage Christmas Tea

When: 1-4 pm, Sunday, Dec. 11

Where: Browns Point Lighthouse Cottage

Browns Point Tree Lighting & Visit with Santa

When: 7 pm, Monday, Dec. 12

Where: BPIC Clubhouse

New Post Office in Browns Point

BP Post Office inside Ace Hardware

Browns Point has a post office once again. The Browns Point Post Office opened last week inside Ace Hardware at Browns Point Towncenter. The BP Post Office is an official United States Post Office, with all the shipping services normally offered, including P.O. Boxes for rent. For more info, talk to Mark or Lynn at Ace Hardware.

BP Post Office Hours: 9 am - 4 pm, Monday through Friday

Last pick-up: 4:15 pm

Points NE Event Makes History Visible, Commemorates 9/11

Over 400 people gathered at the Browns Point Lighthouse Park last month to celebrate Points Northeast Historical Society's 25th Anniversary and commemorate Sept 11, 2001.

Among those attending or speaking included Congressman Adam Smith, Mayor Marilyn Strickland, County Executive Pat McCarthy and Vice Chair of the Council Joyce McDonald, 27th District Rep Laurie Jenkins, Metro Parks

Commissioners Krystal Kyer and Erik Hanberg, and Commander Mark McCadden, US Coast Guard, Chief of External Affairs for 13th District.



A Sea Scout contingent from Ship 110, Charles N. Curtis and local volunteer firefighters and firefighter training academy recruits formed an honor guard for a raising of the flag (which had flown over our nation's capitol) and singing of the National Anthem.

The day also included "Making History Visible" picture displays of local history, roundtable discussions by long-time residents, historic site scavenger hunt, a marine photo contest, and Sea Shanty music by the Puget Sound Revels and Dixieland by the Dixie Kats.

Among the organizations who provided poster displays of some aspect of their history were: Norpoint Soccer, DP Improvement Club, Watchtower Road, Dr James Hazelrigg, St Mathew and St Theresa Churches, DP Garden Club, Dash Point Ladies Group, BP Elementary, Hyada Park Orthopedic Guild, and Julia's Gulch project.

Old Timers' Round Table participants included Harriet Anderson, Gerry Monahan, Madeline West, Beve Storkman, Virginia Hyatt, and Don Gleason. All were born within a few years of 1920. They spoke mostly about their parents and descriptions of their physical home environment.

Among the photo contest winners were: first place, Gladys Engler ; second place, Keven Bourn; third place, Julie Blakemore.

Scavenger hunt of historic sites winners: first place: The Coleman family - Rich, Kristina, Annalise & Avery; second place: Daniel McClung; third place: Maddie and Katie Hegg.

Visitors were able to see the results of several restoration projects recently completed by Points Northeast Historical Society which has been noted as producing "one of the finest examples of lighthouse restoration in the country" by the US Lighthouse Society.

The cottage history and boat house maritime museums are open to the public, free, Saturdays, 1-4. The Lightkeepers 3-bedroom cottage is available as a vacation rental. To reserve, go to pointsnortheast.org or call 253-927-2536.

Reminder: Don't Dump Your Garbage Behind Towncenter

The garbage dumpsters behind Browns Point Towncenter are only for the shopping complex's merchants and tenants. Frequently, home garbage is being dumped all over the parking lot behind Towncenter, creating quite a mess. The owners of Towncenter provide the glass and paper recycling bins for anyone to use at no charge to the community. If the misuse of the garbage dumpsters continues, the owners have made it clear they will remove the glass and paper recycling containers. If you see suspicious activity, you can report it to 206-353-5516.

About the Browns Point Improvement Club The Browns Point Improvement Club is a non-profit organization established in 1919 for the purpose of engaging in activities to advance the interests of the community. Thanks to all our community members who make Browns Point a great place to live!

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