

Browns Point Bulletin



Browns Point Improvement Club

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Upcoming Events

June 4: General Board Meeting

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Sept. 3: General Board Meeting

Sept. 8: Kids Fishing Derby

2013 BPIC Scholarship Winners Announced

The BPIC Scholarship Program is one of the many ways that the BPIC gives back to the local community. This year, the BPIC awarded a total of \$7,700 in scholarships. The BPIC donated \$5,000 and \$2,700 came from the scholarship fundraiser at the BPIC's Casino Night in February.

The BPIC Scholarship Committee was extremely impressed with the quality of the applicants and the amazing things they do in our community. Activities include volunteering at the BPIC Salmon Bake, Key Club, various honor societies, Tacoma Rescue Mission, Mary Bridge Hospital, after school tutoring, piano, cheerleading, chemistry programs, Hurricane Katrina rebuilding, film production, and last, but not least, varsity bowling. The winners represent a wide variety of career goals ranging from computer science, nursing, film production, biology/pre-med, physics, and medicine.

The 2013 scholarship winners are (in alphabetical order):

Kourtney McCann: Kourtney is the daughter of Kevin and Lynda McCann. Kourtney plans to attend Gonzaga University and major in Business Administration or Computer Science. The organization and quality of Kourtney's scholarship application greatly impressed the committee.

Austin Milner: Austin is the son of Julie and Steve Milner. Austin plans on attending Evergreen State College where he will major in in Film/Screenplay writing.

Emmett Perkins: Emmett is the son of Dave and Julie Perkins. Emmett plans on attending Evergreen State College where he will major in Film.

Oct. 27: Trunk or Treat

Nov. 23: Family Spaghetti Feed & Bingo Night

BPIC Quick Links

- [Become a Member!](#)
- [Events](#)
- [Contact Us](#)

Clubhouse Rentals



Email [Alice Owen](#) or call (253-927-1042) for available rental dates and further information.

Readerboard Ads



To get on the Browns Point reader board, [Email Bekki or Annika Hansen](#) or call 253-952-7775

Community Links

[Center at Norpoint Dash Point Social & Improvement Club](#)

[District 10 Little League Northpoint Cooperative Preschool](#)

[Points Northeast Historical Society](#)

Lacey Retzlaff: Lacey is the daughter of Rodney and Sophia Retzlaff. Lacey plans on attending Seattle University where she will major in Medicine / Healthcare Administration.

Henry Steinhebel: Henry is the son of Nancy Steinhebel. Henry plans on attending the University of Washington where he will major in Computer Science.

Mallory Thorp: Mallory is the daughter of Kris and Shep Thorp. Mallory plans on attending University of Washington where she will major in Physics/Astronomy.

Colleen Turner: Colleen is the daughter of Robert and Christine Turner. Colleen plans on attending Notre Dame where she will major in Biology/Pre-Med.

We should be proud in all of the local graduating seniors and feel fortunate that we are able to recognize the students listed above. The BPIC Scholarship Committee would like to thank the BPIC Board for their continued support of this program and recognize the efforts at this year's Casino Night where extra dollars were raised in support of the 2013 Scholarships.

June 4 BPIC Board Meeting Open to Public

The Browns Point Improvement Club's general board meeting will be held June 4 at 7 p.m. at the Browns Point Clubhouse and is open to the public. Agenda items will include discussion about upcoming improvement projects to the clubhouse and grounds at the BPIC. Refreshments will be provided.

When: 7 pm, Tuesday, June 4

Where: Browns Point Clubhouse

Kids' Nature Day June 23

This annual tradition is fun for the whole family. We bring divers down to the BPIC clubhouse to retrieve all kinds of treasures from the bottom of the Puget Sound for the children to see and touch! Arts and crafts are provided.

Volunteers are needed for set-up, take down and creating nature crafts. Contact Dave Malone (davidm@mmtlawfirm.com) to help out.

When: 11-2 pm, Sunday, June 23

Where: Browns Point Clubhouse lower lot



Clean & Sober House Contact Information

Recently, a clean and sober house opened in lower Browns Point and has generated some concern and questions from local residents. Anyone who has questions about the house or its

[Seabury School](#)

[Soundview Little League](#)

residents can contact the home's owner, Jeff Costello, at 206-595-5709.

Adult Fishing Derby August 4

Mark your calendars -- the annual Cliff House Willies Adult Fishing Derby will be held Sunday, August 4. Details on when tickets for fishers go on sale will be announced later this summer.

When: Weigh-in at noon, Sunday, August 4

Where: Browns Point Clubhouse lower lot

Annual BPIC Membership Renewals Due!

Are you a member of the Browns Point Improvement Club? You should be!

Summer is around the corner and you'll want access to the BPIC main parking lot.

Your membership includes an access code to the gate. Enjoy the beach and Lighthouse area without the hassles of parking. Being a member of the BPIC also helps make our Browns Point community a great place to live. Membership supports community events like the Salmon Bake, Nature Day, and the Easter Egg hunt, as well as scholarships, this bulletin, and more.

Renewal of your BPIC membership is due at the start of each new calendar year (new BPIC applications can be turned in at any time).

Please visit the [BPIC website](#) for an application/renewal form. For membership questions, contact Lynn Hopson - lynn53492000@yahoo.com.

TYPES OF BPIC MEMBERSHIPS

- Family: \$20 annually (allows for 2 voting members)
- Senior (62+): \$15 annually (allows for 2 voting members)
- Boat Ramp Renewal Only (does not include membership dues): \$75 annually

BPIC members that do not currently have a boat ramp clicker, and are interested in obtaining one should call the BPIC Membership line at 253-927-2221.

Thanks to Casino Night Raffle Sponsors

Thanks to the generous donations of local businesses, the 2013 Casino Night raffle raised \$2,700 toward the BPIC scholarship fund. The BPIC would like to recognize the following companies and individuals for their generosity:

- Frank Baxter, C.P.A.
- Fife Chiropractic and Health Awareness
- The Cliff House
- Ali Hart
- Dukes Chowder House
- Browns Point Diner
- Dash Point Lobster Shop
- Coffee & Cream
- Browns Point Pizza

News from the Browns Point/Dash Point Fire Department

Boating and fishing season is here. Water safety is often forgotten or just not given enough emphasis. Each year over 1,000 children drown. Statistics show that many of these children started off wearing personal flotation devices (PFD's). The problem is that they were allowed to take them off or they were ill fitted and not properly worn. A PFD that does not fit may slip off and offer no protection. An example is a child wearing an adult PFD. It will not adjust properly to offer any protection. Each PFD is rated by the size and weight of the individual. For action water sports such as tubing, wake boarding or skiing, an action style PFD with a strap that goes between the legs is needed. A recent drowning in Pierce County had the victim slide out of his PFD upon impact with the water. Small children also need the strap that goes between the legs to keep the PFD from slipping off. Recently your Fire Department teamed up with the Points Northeast Historical Society to teach local fourth graders, during their annual field trip, how to properly wear a personal flotation device. They were shown the importance of the proper size and fit as well as how to wear and adjust the straps. They also learned that the majority of drowning occurs around 10 feet from shore. They were shown how to recognize a water emergency and even got to practice throwing a life ring.

As adults, we must set the example for our children. Wear your PFD anytime you are on the water. Wear it properly and make sure everyone on board does the same.

One of the more controversial subjects for this time of the year is fireworks. The City of Tacoma has a ban on fireworks which includes any and all property under its control or management. The parks in Browns Point and Dash Point are managed by Metro Parks Tacoma and fall under that ban. Fireworks that meet the criteria set by law can be set off on private property in unincorporated Pierce County by the property owner or people with permission from the property owner. Fireworks that are discharged in unincorporated Pierce County must be on the approved list from the State Fire Marshal. This list can be viewed on the internet by going to the Washington State Patrol website and click on the Office of the State Fire Marshal. Many of the fireworks that can be purchased at outlets on the reservation are not legal to discharge off reservation property. Check the list of legal fireworks before you buy to avoid any confusion. The Pierce County Sheriff Office will be staffing the area with extra Deputies during the holiday to assist the Fire Department in enforcing safety and compliance. If you have any fireworks questions please contact us by phone or stop by the Browns Point Station. We will have information on what is legal to discharge in the area. Have a safe holiday.

-- Fire Chief Cliff McCollum

Neighborly News

Other happenings in Browns Point/NE Tacoma/Dash Point

Dash Point Food Drive at Towncenter June 1: Dash Point Social

& Improvement Club is hosting the Dash Point Dash Fun Run at 9 am on June 1st at the Dash Point Fire Station. Sign up for the Fun Run at their website: www.dashpoint.org. They also will be collecting food for a food drive at the Browns Point Shopping Center from 10-11:30 on June 1.

Former Browns Point Residents Sailing Around the World: We are currently sailing around the world in our 42' sailboat. We will be in the Tacoma/Browns Point area November 1, 2013 to March 31, 2014. We are looking to house sit during this time. If you are interested, please contact us at: kokomosailing@gmail.com. You can follow us by going to our web site and click on the blog: kokomosailing.com. -- Denny & Becky Flannigan

Happy Birthday Browns Point!

This year marks the 110th anniversary of the dedication of the first lighthouse (1903) and the 80th Anniversary (1933) of the present lighthouse. At the original dedication ceremony the area was officially renamed from Point Brown to Browns Point. We should have a community birthday party. Want to help plan it? Call: 253-927-2536 or Jim Harnish 253-927-6019.

Lighthouse Cottage Museum Open & Cottage Rentals

Points Northeast Historical Society has hosted four school field trips with over 250 4th graders learning about local history.

Also, The Lighthouse Cottage Museum is open now for visitors on Saturday's from 1-4.

The 100+ year old Jerry Meeker real estate office will be back at the park soon.



There are some openings for vacation stays at the lightkeepers cottage in June (6/20-7; 6/10-13; 6/20-30) and then again after Sept 8.

Contact pointsnortheast@comcast.net or call 253-927-2536 to book your stay.

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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