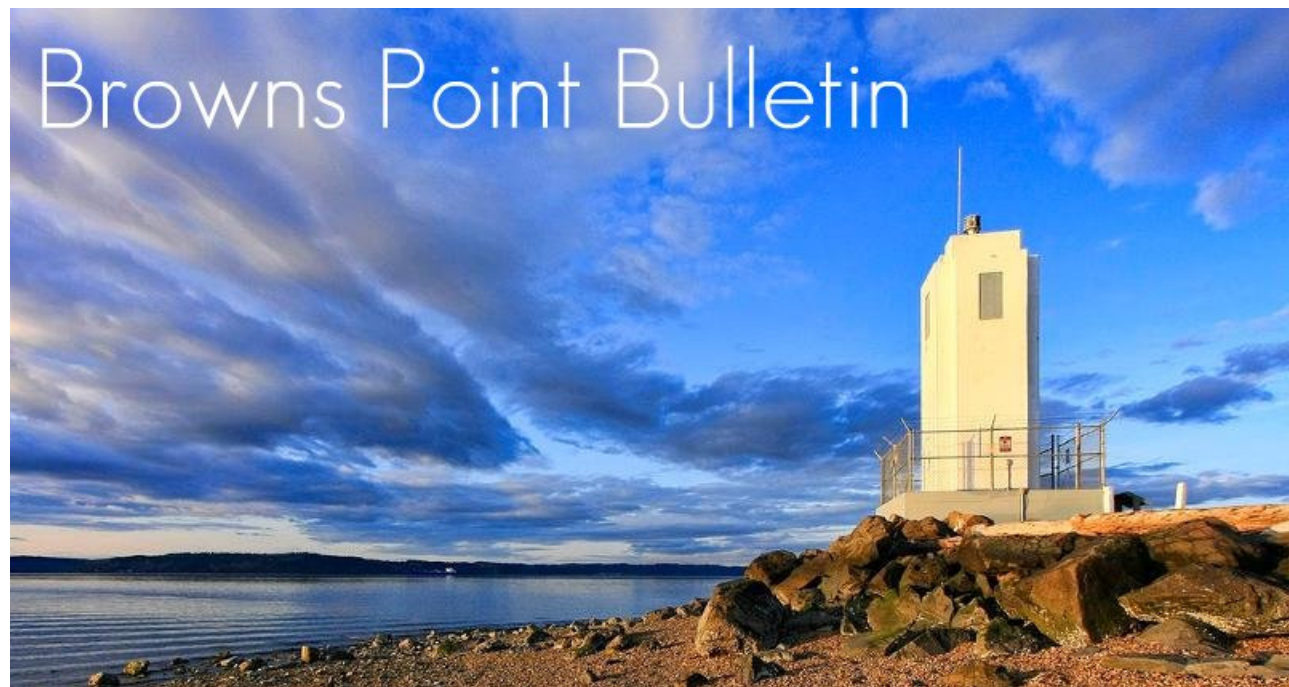


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## Browns Point Holiday Events Coming Up

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### Upcoming Events

Dec. 5: Christmas Ships & Annual Tree Lighting

Dec. 10: Santa at the BPIC

### BPIC Quick Links

- [Become a Member!](#)

Get in the Christmas spirit this December with the Browns Point Improvement Club!

### Wednesday, December 5th:

On December 5, the BPIC will hold a general membership meeting at 6 p.m. at the

Clubhouse. Following this, the annual BPIC Christmas tree lighting will be at 7:30 p.m. and a bonfire will be held on the beach. At approximately 7:45 p.m., the Argosy Christmas ship will stop in front of the Browns Point clubhouse to serenade us with holiday tunes.

The clubhouse parking lot will be open for parking. Join us!



### Monday, December 10th:

Santa makes a stop at the Browns Point Clubhouse to meet and take photos with neighborhood children. Come see Santa arrive by firetruck! Starts at 7 p.m. Bring canned goods to help support the BPIC food drive.

- [Events](#)
- [Contact Us](#)

## New Board Members Elected for 2013

At the December 5th general meeting of the Browns Point Improvement Club, we will be holding elections for our 2013 board officers and trustees. Below is the proposed slate of officers and trustees:

### Clubhouse Rentals



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

### Officers

President: Matt Williams  
 Vice President - Ways & Means: Brian Fransen  
 VP - Grounds & Maintenance: Scott Hopson  
 VP - Programs & Entertainment: Kevin McCann  
 VP - Membership & Boat Ramp: Jeff McClung  
 Treasurer: Aileen Williams  
 Secretary: Darcy Hansen

### Readerboard Ads



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

### Trustees

Fay Ainsworth  
 Anthony Anton  
 Nan Clapp  
 Bill Drew  
 Bekki Hansen  
 Bobby Holmes  
 Rich Hopson  
 Kelly Kerrone  
 Dave Malone  
 BJ Overmars  
 Sandy Overmars  
 Frank Pape  
 David Seals  
 Melinda Seals  
 Jim Stice

If you would like to be more involved with the BPIC, contact Matt Williams at 206-948-6288.

### Community Links

[Center at Norpoint](#)

[Dash Point Social & Improvement Club](#)

[District 10 Little League](#)

[Northpoint Cooperative Preschool](#)

[Points Northeast Historical Society](#)

[Seabury School](#)

[Soundview Little League](#)

## News from the Browns Point Fire Department

[Do your smoke detectors work?](#)

96% of the homes in America have smoke detectors installed. How much do you really know about your smoke detectors? NBC News broadcasted a report in October of this year that was very disturbing. It pointed out the fact that there are obvious differences in the types of smoke detectors in current use today and the lack of information on these systems. We have found that many residences have smoke detectors that are not working, disconnected or have expired. That's right EXPIRED! A little known fact is that smoke detectors do have an expiration date. This usually is printed on the back of the smoke detector or on the inside cover. Smoke detectors have a 10 year life. After 10 years statistics show a 30% failure rate. You may think that your home is safe because you have a built in system that works along with your burglar alarm. These systems are rarely maintained

properly since there is no code requirement for service and testing of residential systems. It is recommended that periodic servicing and sensitivity testing be accomplished on all residential systems. In addition to that is the fact that these detectors also usually expire in 10 years.

There are two basic types of detectors currently being used. The photoelectric and the ionization type of detectors. Both work on different conditions encountered in a fire. The photoelectric reacts to the smoldering type of fire where the ionization reacts to the fast flaming type of fire. Which one is better? No one can forecast the type of fire that can occur in your home. With the large amount of synthetic material used in the homes today, both types of hazards are present. Most people die in fires from smoke inhalation. Breathing the toxic smoke incapacitates and kills far more people than the flames and heat.

The National Fire Protection Administration recommends having both types installed on every floor in the home or a combination photoelectric/ionization detector installed on every floor. The placement of these detectors is also important. They need to be placed adjacent to bedrooms so you will be alerted if you are sleeping. Carbon monoxide detectors are also recommended to be installed in your residence. Carbon monoxide is an odorless colorless gas that is a killer. Poorly maintained furnaces, woodstoves and the improper location of generators are common sources of carbon monoxide poisoning.

Smoke detectors work but they are only part of a fire safety plan. Having an escape plan so that everyone knows what to do when the smoke alarms sounds is equally important. We are here to help. Please contact us if you would like assistance with your fire safety plan or help with the placement of your smoke alarms. Please be safe during this holiday season.

- Chief Cliff McCollum

## Thanks to Trunk or Treat Volunteers

Trunk or Treat at the Browns Point Clubhouse was a sopping wet success, thanks to all of our volunteer trunks.

Many turned out at the last minute -- despite the rain -- to give our kids a safe place to trick or treat.

The winners of the best-decorated trunk was the McClung family. Sylvia, Jeff, and Daniel created a spooky haunted forest filled with ghouls, goblins, many houseplants, and candy!



Second Prize: Ian Fredrickson and Malia Widmann

Third Prize: Taylor and Bailey Elder

Thanks to all the trickers, treaters, and trunkers!

## Neighborly News

Other happenings in Browns Point/NE Tacoma/Dash Point



**Old Fashioned Christmas Tea Party in the Lightkeepers' Cottage** Points Northeast Historical Society will hold its annual Christmas Tea Party on Sunday, Dec. 9th in the Lightkeepers' Cottage from 1 to 4 pm.

Activities include tours of the historical cottage and its museums, including the Boathouse with the surf boat replica, the Bell house, and the Jerry Meeker Real Estate Office. There will be caroling around the old pump organ and you can ring the original fog bell. Photos with Lighthouse Santa will be available and free. You can tour the cottage decorated for the holidays and join in the spirit of the season. The gift shop will be open, stocked with lighthouse-themed items and local history books. Our honorary hostess this year is Amy Ecker, a long-time volunteer and docent. This will be the last opportunity to tour the cottage and the outlying buildings until the spring. Also, it will be the last opportunity to view the Jerry Meeker exhibit as we will be changing to a new one in the spring. The event is open to all and is free. Browns Point Lightstation Park - 201 Tulalip NE. 253-927-2536 or [www.pointsnortheast.org](http://www.pointsnortheast.org)

## 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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