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# Browns Point Bulletin



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Browns Point Improvement Club

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### BPIC Quick Links

Dear neighbors,

2012 is a full year for Browns Point community events, starting with Casino Night at the BPIC at the end of February. But the highlight of our year is the Browns Point Salmon Bake, which returns in August. Read on for more information about these events and stay tuned for upcoming bulletins.

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

## Join us! BP Casino Night Feb. 25th

The annual Browns Point Casino Night will be Saturday, Feb. 25 at the clubhouse. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and casino-style gaming is from 6-9 p.m., with dancing to follow.

Chips won in the casino can be exchanged for raffle tickets. The more you win in the casino, the more chances you have to win raffle prizes. The raffle drawing will be after gaming ends at 9 p.m. Beer, wine, and appetizers will be served.

This year will also include a special fundraiser to benefit the BPIC



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scholarship fund. Special drink cups will be available for purchase throughout the night to raise money for local students.

**When:** Saturday, Feb. 25th (Doors open at 5:30 p.m., gaming starts at 6 p.m.)

**Where:** BPIC clubhouse

**Who:** Adults 21+

**Tickets:** \$40 each when purchased in advance at Browns Point Ace Hardware; \$50 at the door

**Donations needed!** Contact [Matt Williams](#) to donate raffle prizes.

## Clubhouse Rentals



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

## Community Links

[Soundview Little League](#)

[District 10 Little League](#)

[Points Northeast Historical Society](#)

## BPIC Membership Renewal Forms in the Mail

Your BPIC member dues support our community's events, including scholarships, the Salmon Bake, Trunk or Treat, Easter egg hunt and much more. Please support the BPIC by getting your membership renewal returned as soon as possible. Boat ramp renewals must be paid by April 30th to avoid deactivation of your clicker. The renewal form is also available on the [BPIC website](#). For membership questions, contact [Lynn Hopson](#).

## Salmon Bake Planning Begins

**Local festival the oldest salmon bake in Washington**

Mark your calendars! The Browns Point Salmon Bake returns this summer and promises fun for the whole family. Enjoy big salmon dinners, live entertainment, game booths for kids with prizes, and the beer garden.



The BPIC appreciates the community

support, and needs your help to make this a year a success.

Volunteer to work at the Salmon Bake or help the committee prepare for our neighborhood's biggest event of the summer.

Planning meetings begin February 28 at 7 pm at the BPIC clubhouse - hope to see you there!

**When:** August 4 & 5, 2012

**Where:** BPIC & Lighthouse Park

**Volunteers needed!** Contact [Matt Williams](#) to help out.

## Sign up for BP Neighborhood Alert Emails

About 75 neighbors began emailing each other last year when burglaries increased in Browns Point. To continue this and make it easier to alert neighbors, a neighborhood alert e-mailing list has been activated.

**How it works:** When a neighbor has an alert to send out, simply email [brownspoint@localalert.us](mailto:brownspoint@localalert.us) (no need to cc all your neighbors). The email will automatically send the email to everyone who has signed up for the neighborhood alert email list (about 75 people right now). If you reply to an alert email, it will go to everyone on the list.

To sign up for the neighborhood alert email list, email [majordomo@localalert.us](mailto:majordomo@localalert.us), leave the Subject line blank, and type *subscribe brownspoint* [newuser@userdomain.com](mailto:newuser@userdomain.com) in the body of the email. Once you have been added, you will receive a welcome email with further instructions.

## Points NE Annual Program Feb. 16

**Includes presentation on history of Washington State**

Points Northeast Historical Society's annual program will feature local author, Lorraine McConaghy, who will present an illustrated historical travelogue drawn from material in her recently published book *New Land, North of the Columbia: The story of Washington State from Territory to Today*. The program is Thursday, Feb 16 at 7 p.m. at St Matthew Episcopal Church. For more information, go to the Points Northeast Historical Society's [website](#).

## BPIC Scholarships Due April 15

The Scholarship Program is one of the many ways that the BPIC gives back to the local community. All high school seniors within the BPIC area with plans on attending college/vocational school are encouraged to apply. The 2012 BPIC Scholarship applications will be due on April 15th. Scholarship instructions and application forms will be available at [www.brownspoint.org](http://www.brownspoint.org) by March 1.

## New Ownership at Browns Point Pizza

Browns Point residents Sandy and Ben Overmars took over ownership of Browns Point Pizza (formerly Browns Point Pizzeria) in the Browns Point Town Center in January.

Browns Point Pizza is open daily. Hours are 11:30 am to 8 pm Sunday through Wednesday, and 11:30 am to 9 pm Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays. Check for daily lunch specials at the restaurants, including discounts for local Browns Point residents. Call 253-942-8656 to order or to book a party in the banquet room.

## Holidays in Browns Point

The Browns Point Improvement Club hosted several holiday events this season. On December 8th, the Christmas ships stopped at our beach to serenade us with holiday tunes. Neighbors enjoyed the warmth of the bonfire and hot drinks provided at the clubhouse.



Santa also stopped by the BPIC on December 12th to check on Browns Point kids' Christmas lists and make sure they were all being nice. Thanks to the Browns Point firefighters for delivering Santa, since his reindeer were resting up for Christmas Eve.



Bonfire on the beach at the Browns Point Improvement Club Christmas Ship parade



Christmas ships at Browns Point Improvement Club





Thanks to Coates Christmas Trees in Auburn for donating this year's tree!

## Obituary: Barbara Leary

Long time Browns Point resident Barbara Leary died in early December at the age of 80. Barbara and her husband Dick moved to Wana-Wana Street in the early 1950s and raised four children (Liz, Richard, Patrick and Paul). Barbara taught school for Tacoma Public Schools, which included a stint at Dash Point Elementary School. A versatile and excellent musician, she gave piano lessons in her home to many Browns Point children. She also played the piano at the dedication for the new BPIC clubhouse in the 1950s.

## 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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