



Browns Point Improvement Club

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Volunteers Needed - Salmon Bake 2016!

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Upcoming Events

July 31: Cliff House Willie's
Fishing Derby

Aug 6-7: Salmon Bake

Aug 28: Kid's Fishing Derby

Oct 30: Trunk or Treat

Nov 19: Spaghetti
Night/Turkey Bingo

BPIC Quick Links

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Neighborhood volunteers are needed to make this year's Salmon Bake a success. It's a great way to get involved and meet your neighbors.

The Salmon Bake is Aug. 6 & 7 this year and is entirely run by volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering, contact [Matt Williams](#).

Fishing Derby Dates Changed

The dates for the Cliff House Willy's Adult Derby and Browns Point/Dash Point Kids Fishing Derby have been changed as a result of a poor anticipated return of adult coho this fall. Salmon fishing in Area 11 will close on August 31. The Adult Derby has been rescheduled for July 31 and the Kid's Derby for August 28.

Adult Derby tickets and rules will be available at [Postal & More at the Point](#) starting Monday, July 15 thru Saturday, July 30. Price is

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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](#)

[Northpoint Cooperative Preschool](#)

[Points Northeast Historical Society](#)

[Seabury School](#)

[Soundview Little League](#)

\$25 per ticket. Weigh in is at BPIC at noon and includes cash prizes, door prizes, and refreshments. This derby has a 60+ year history and is a fundraiser for the Kid's Derby. Fishing has been in a down cycle recently and derby participation has suffered. However, those of us that enjoy the sport want to keep the local tradition alive and raise awareness of the issues our fisheries face. Our goal is 50 entrants. Please consider filling your boat with friends and celebrate the opportunity at our door step. The boat ramp gate will be open to entrants on Derby day. If you don't plan to fish, you can support both Derbies by buying a ticket.



1954 Fishing Derby

Are there concerns with Browns Point water lead levels?

Recently there has been more news about lead in water systems than we would care to hear about. That raised the question about the safety of our water here in Browns Point. The research done involved asking about homes that had been on the old Hyada Water system before it was taken over by Tacoma Water in about the year 2001. Hyada Water encompassed the area between hiway 509 and the water (the lower Point).

Many of the newspaper articles focused on the water meters, and in particular the "gooseneck" that connects the water line from the water main in the street with your water meter. In the 1930s, many of the goosenecks were made of lead and in turn when water passed through them, it was possible that lead would leach out of that item and could cause an increased level of lead in the household water supply.

As many of you remember, when Tacoma Water took over our system, they virtually replaced every foot of pipe that had ever been installed, up to and including the water meter. No lead goosenecks were installed at that time, in fact those items were never used after about 1940.

However, the possibility does exist that lead could be getting into your house water system, depending on the current type of water piping that connects the water meter to the faucets within your home. Tacoma Water has no control or responsibility for piping on your side of the water meter. Depending on the age of your house, you most likely have galvanized piping or copper tubing within your home and galvanized piping, copper tubing, polyethylene, or PVC piping leading from the meter to your house. This is not a guarantee, but galvanized piping most likely will not cause a lead problem. If copper tubing was installed before 1980 using lead based solder, there is a likelihood that some amount of lead could be present. After 1980, lead was no longer permitted in solder. If you have copper tubing in your plumbing, do you know if it was installed before or after 1980?

This article is not meant to be an alarm but rather help you decide if lead is an issue that warrants further investigation for your home. If you have questions, call the representative at Tacoma Water, who is the focal point for lead concerns, at 253.502.8384.

Submitted by [Dick Collins](#) (President Hyada Mutual Water, before Tacoma Water acquired the system)

Congratulations BPIC Scholarship Winners!!

2016 BPIC scholarship recipients are:

- Chase Darlington
- Jane Overmars
- Amanda Stice

Over \$61,000 in scholarships have been awarded to recipients in the community since 2006.

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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