

Browns Point Bulletin



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Browns Point Improvement Club

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

Happy summer!

My name is Matt Williams and I am serving as President of the Browns Point Improvement Club this year. Browns Point is a unique place. It is more than a neighborhood, it is a community. Even though I am a newer resident, I hope to help further our community, grow our traditions and improve Northeast Tacoma through projects and service.

You might not recognize this version of the Browns Point Bulletin since you are probably reading it electronically rather than the familiar white printed version. We hope this version of the newsletter will provide you with more up-to-date news and information about the Browns Point community. Going electronic also saves membership dollars that can be redirected to Browns Point improvement projects and community events. A limited number of printed Browns Point Bulletins can be picked up at Browns Point Town Center merchants.

I look forward to a (hopefully) sunny summer full of Browns Point events. And if you see our family out walking our dog Bruno, be sure to say hello.

- Matt

4th of July Parade - Join us!

7/4/2011 @ 10 am -- Curly Slide Park



Get out your red, white and blue! Browns Point residents are invited to be a part of the fifth annual Fourth of July parade. Decorate anything non-motorized: stroller, wagon, bike, scooter, unicycle, etc. Wave a flag, dress up your pet or dust off your old instruments and join the fun.

Help make this 4th of July parade amazing for the kids in our neighborhood. Volunteers are needed to hand out balloons, help serve lemonade and lead activities after the parade. Contact [Dana Peregrine](#) or [Silvia McClung](#) to volunteer.

2011 BPIC Scholarship Winners Announced

Each year, the Browns Point Improvement Club helps cover college or vo-tech expenses for local graduating seniors. The BPIC scholarships are one of the many ways in which the BPIC gives back to the local community. After completion of the winners' first semester of school, the BPIC will pay funds directly to the recipients' institution to be applied against their student account.

The BPIC Scholarship Committee is pleased to announce the recipients for the 2011 BPIC Scholarships:

- Emily Ginsburg
- Connor Mees Hartley
- Kaitlyn McCann
- Sophi Perkins

There were a total of 20 applicants and narrowing the list was extremely difficult given the overall quality of the applicants.

Emily Ginsburg

Emily has lived in the Browns Point area for 10 years and graduated from Stadium High School. She is the daughter of Dan Ginsburg. Emily plans to attend the University of St. Thomas located in St. Paul, Minnesota, where she will study pre-law/sociology. Emily has held several jobs in the NE Tacoma area while attending high school and has already completed 25 college credits through the Running Start program. She also volunteered in prior BPIC clean-up days and the Browns Point Fire Commissioner Campaign.

Connor Mees Hartley

Connor is a lifetime resident of the Browns Point area and graduated from Bellarmine Preparatory School. Connor is the son of Barney and Sherry Hartley. Connor plans on attending either the University of Washington or Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles, CA, where he plans to major in creative writing/communications. Connor has been very active in NE Tacoma soccer for 15 years, including refereeing local games. In keeping with a long family tradition, Connor volunteered at prior Browns Point Salmon Bakes. His

volunteer work also included work with Operation Keep 'Em Warm and Fed.

Kaitlyn McCann

Kaitlyn has lived in the Browns Point area for 12 years and graduated from Stadium High School. She is the daughter of Kevin and Lynda McCann. Kaitlyn plans to attend Gonzaga University to major in nursing. Kaitlyn turned in one of the strongest scholarship applications the committee has seen in years. Kaitlyn has volunteered at Salmon Bakes and with many local charities. She is active in local sports and has been involved with many local families.

Sophi Perkins

Sophi has lived in the Browns Point area for eight years and graduated from Stadium High School. She is the daughter of Dave and Julie Perkins. Sophi plans on attending Western Washington University. Sophi has spent the last several years working at Seabury Elementary providing after-care assistance. Sophi has volunteered throughout the NE Tacoma area including the Browns Point Food Drive, BP Salmon Bakes, St. Francis Children's Hospital and Adopt-A-Family Christmas program.

The Scholarship Committee would like to thank all 20 of this year's applicants. It's always amazing to see the great things that the seniors do in our area. Your annual BPIC dues and proceeds from the BP Salmon Bake help fund the Scholarship Program. The Scholarship Program is one way for the BPIC to give back to the community and recognize the great talent in our area.

BPIC Kids Nature Day 2011

**Helping our
kids
experience
nature**

BPIC's annual Kids Nature Day was held on Sunday, June 5. Nature Day began in 1999 by volunteers of the BPIC to introduce local kids to the wonders of the natural world that can be found just under the water's surface at our local beaches.

This year, we had a beautiful sunny day and what were undoubtedly our biggest crowds ever. As always, Nature Day coincided with one of the lowest tides of the spring providing an excellent opportunity for beach combing.

In addition, SCUBA divers brought marine life (octopus, starfish, sea cucumbers, anemones, fish, crabs, and more) in to the beach for



Boy Scouts Kaiden and Cameron from Pack 208 hold a starfish.

kids of all ages (yes, you parents, too) to enjoy in touch pools and viewing tanks. A variety of craft tables and refreshments were also available.

The BPIC and the community would like to recognize the following volunteers for their hard work and dedication:

- **Kitchen Crew:** Thank you to the Nature Day kitchen crew coordinator Lynn Hopson and all her "Queen" helpers: Fran Hopson, "A" Lowrey, Katie Overmars, Ali, and Aileen Williams, providing us with the hotdogs, popcorn and drinks.
- **Divers:** Thanks to David Seals, who coordinated the dive crew, and divers Randy Parker, Kelle Fitzpatrick, John Zilke and Scott Ramey, who donated their time and the air!
- **Beach Crew:** Jason Walter, Brian Fransen, Kelly Kerrone, Mike Brown, Ben Overmars, Evan Overmars and Kevin McCann set up the pools and tanks and made sure the critters were well cared for during the event.
- **Craft Crew:** Thanks to the craft volunteers, the six "make & take" nature craft tables ran smoothly and each volunteer patiently helped dozens of kids with their projects. Thanks to Silvia McClung for coordinating Nature Day crafts, supplies and volunteers. Also to Salena Moses-Ruane and her son Elijah Ruane; Debra McClung; Dana Peregrine; Kristina Coleman; Sarah VanOrsow; Daniel McClung; Maura Toohey-Carlisle; Michele Cannon; Kenna Heginbottom; and Julie Perkins. In addition, thank you to Courtney Wright for gathering craft supply donations for Nature Day. She works for David Kovanen, who through his businesses donated hundreds of dollars worth of stickers, paint, paper, tags and glitter to Nature Day.

Without all these wonderful volunteers, events such as Nature Day wouldn't be possible. Thank you! Hope to see you all next year!





Browns Point News

Births, Weddings & Remembrances

- Winnie Cox, one of the longest residents of Browns Point, passed away on June 21 at the age of 93. Winnie lived in Browns Point since 1940 and "knew everything about this community," said her neighbor Liz Stoll. She raised three kids by herself and helped care for the clubhouse for many years.

Send in your news! Email the Browns Point Bulletin at brownspointbulletin@gmail.com to let us know births, weddings, deaths or local news.

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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