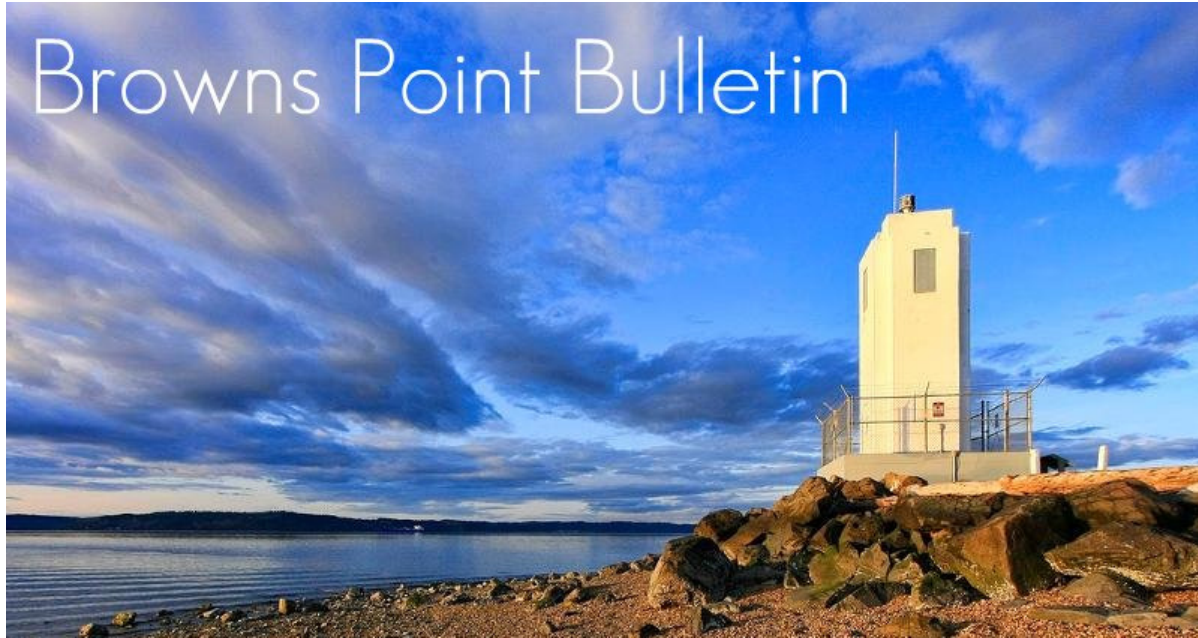


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Browns Point Improvement Club

March 2015

**Sign up for the Bulletin** Casino Night this Saturday, March 21!

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**Upcoming Events**

March 21: Casino Night

April 4: Easter Egg Hunt

May 17: Nature Day

June 2: General Membership Meeting

July 26: Adult Fishing Derby

Sept 2: General Membership Meeting

Sept 13: Kids Fishing Derby

Oct 25: Trunk or Treat

Nov 21: Bingo Night & Spaghetti Feed

Aug 7 & 8, 2016: Salmon Bake

Join the BPIC for its first event of the year: the annual Casino Night & Silent Auction!

Get your tickets at Ace Hardware for \$40 each. Tickets cover a buffet catered by Gino's Bistro, beer and wine, and gaming. Great prizes from local businesses will be raffled, and silent auction items will benefit the BPIC scholarship fund.



Thanks to last year's attendees, the Casino Night & Silent Auction raised nearly \$1,200 for the BPIC Scholarship Fund. For the entire year, BPIC fundraising efforts generated over \$4,700 in supplemental scholarship funds, which raised the BPIC's total 2015 scholarship fund to over \$9,700. All Silent Auction proceeds and bar staff tips will support the 2015-2016 BPIC scholarship fund, and our goal is to surpass last year's total.

Among the items to be auctioned this year:

- metal wall art pieces donated by a 2014 Salmon Bake artist;
- Essenza gift sets donated by the Stice family;
- handmade jewelry from an aspiring local artist;
- an Ace Hardware prize pack;
- a Native American glass art plate; and
- a Jermaine Kearsse-autographed football, with certificate of authenticity, donated by the Seattle Seahawks.

## 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](#)

[Seabury School](#)

[Soundview Little League](#)

Doors open at 5 pm. Gaming runs from 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm, then the raffle prize drawings. Must be 21+ to attend!

**When:** Saturday, March 21 from 5-10 pm

**Where:** Browns Point Improvement Clubhouse

## BPIC Easter Egg Hunt on April 4

Browns Point's annual Easter Egg hunt will be held at 9 am sharp on Saturday, April 4th at the BPIC and Lighthouse Park.

Kids ages 0 to 9 can hunt for eggs and other surprises. Kids are divided into age groups, with the youngest ones hunting in a small, grassy patch closest to the clubhouse, and the older kids further around the park. The Easter Bunny will be there rain or shine!



**When:** Saturday, April 4th at 9 am sharp!

**Where:** BP Clubhouse and Lighthouse Park

## Calling All Graduating Seniors: BPIC Scholarship Applications Due April 19th

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 or a vocational school are encouraged to apply. The 2015 BPIC Scholarship applications will be due on April 19th. [Download the application here](#) or go to [brownspoint.org](http://brownspoint.org) for scholarship instructions and application forms.

## Hyada Park Guild Wine Tasting & Fundraiser April 25th

The 8th Annual Wine Tasting and Fundraiser sponsored by the Hyada Park Guild of the Mary Bridge Brigade will be Saturday, April 25, 2015 from 6pm to 9 pm at the BPIC Clubhouse.

Tickets are \$60. After April 1, tickets will be \$70.

The fine wines of the Millbrandt Winery will be available for tasting. Dinner is also included. Attendees will have the opportunity to purchase raffle tickets for a number of intriguing themed

packages including garden, destination, Italian, French, kitchen, and sports.

Money raised will benefit the Mary Bridge Children's Hospital and Health Center.

There will also be an opportunity to contribute to our "raise the paddle" item which directs donations specifically to the sexual abuse center at Mary Bridge.

Contact Linda Collins for tickets at [lindacollins@gmail.com](mailto:lindacollins@gmail.com).

The Hyada Park Guild has been active in our communities for more than 60 years.

## Welcome New BPIC President Dave Malone!

## Walker/Runner Safety Project in Browns Point

Local Bellarmine Prep student Emi Klein is working on a project to improve pedestrian safety in our neighborhood. Interested in helping or have an opinion? Help out by getting in touch with Emi (contact info below)!

Hello Neighbors:

My name is Emi Klein, and I'm a Junior at Bellarmine Prep. This Spring, I'm getting ready for a summer mission trip to Oaxaca, Mexico, where I will be serving with Amigos, an international youth development and service organization. I'll be living in a small community and helping them design and lead a community project.

My preparation includes fundraising and doing something in my own hometown before I go, so I chose walker/runner safety. As a runner and walker, I've noticed that cars can drive pretty fast, and there isn't any room to move off the road in many places.

I've gone to the BPIC to discuss some solutions, called other community organizers, and approached businesses in the area to help. I'd like your feedback.

What is the one thing that is most important to improve in Lower Point Browns Point?

One solution I've found is reflecting tape. I plan to raise money to provide them to anyone in Brown's Point who wants one, to raise awareness and provide more safety. Let me know if you want to help.

Thank you,  
Emi Klein  
[kleinink@comcast.net](mailto:kleinink@comcast.net)

## Browns Point/Dash Point Fire Department Receives Idle-Reduction Retrofit from State Grant

From Fire Chief Cliff McCollum, Pierce County Fire District 13

Thanks to a grant from the Washington State Department of Ecology to the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency Pierce County Fire District 13, Browns Point/Dash Point Fire Department will retrofit Fire Engine 77, stationed at Browns Point, with state of the art idle-reduction technology.

A small generator with electronic controls will be installed that will enable the fire engine's main diesel engine to shut down while maintaining the operation of emergency lights, radios, and electrically powered equipment needed while on an emergency scene. This new system will take over the electrical load that the main engine provides and allow it to shut down. The advantages are a significant reduced noise level, reduced emissions, reduced fuel costs and less wear on the main engine. Diesel emissions have been shown to have a high level of cancer causing particulates called diesel particulate matter. Reducing these emissions will provide a safer environment for the volunteer fire fighters, much cleaner air for aid workers and victims at the scene of an accident or fire, and overall reductions in diesel emissions in the environment due to the 1 gallon per hour in fuel savings the fire engine will achieve while operating the idle-reduction equipment.

### 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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