

Winter 2017



Ripples

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Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony

At The Dash Point Dock

Saturday, December 2nd

5:30 p.m.

Your community club, DPSIC, will provide hot cocoa, cider, and cookies (dessert potluck)

Everyone will enjoy the warmth of angelic voices of preschoolers and delightful squeals of children young and adults young at heart as Santa makes his way down to the dock.

Caroling

A huge bonfire

Neighborhoodly visits

The Holiday Season spent with friends and neighbors

In the spirit of giving:

Please bring at least one non-perishable food item to be donated to our local Nourish food bank



Pfaff's Christmas Trees

Dash Point Dock Tree Supplier

www.Pfaffschristmastrees.com

Volunteers Needed

Saturday, November 25th

9:30 a.m.

All are welcome to help set up the tree on the dock and string the lights

Remember, many hands make light work!

A special thank you to Pfaff's for supplying the tree.



NEW BROWN'S POINT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

WELCOME TO THE 21ST CENTURY

A new Brown's Point Elementary school will be built in northeast Tacoma. Recent groundbreaking commemorated this exciting occasion. The new facility is expected to be completed in late fall/early spring of the 2018 – 2019 school year. The estimated budget of this project is \$36.8 million dollars.

The original school facility was built in 1951. The current enrollment of 427 students serving kindergarten through 5th grade will increase to accommodate more than 500 students.

Additional information and an impressive video can be found at: Tacoma Public Schools; Schools; Brown's Point; News – Brown's Point Construction; Full Animated Building Video.

Contributed By: Jim Zimmerman



Argosy Cruise Christmas Festival

Dash Point Park, Monday, December 11th

7:50 pm

Puyallup High School Norselanders

Browns Point, Monday, December 11th

8:25 pm

Puyallup High School Norselanders

More information at www.argosycruises.com

Want to Get Involved?

The nominating committee would like to thank members who participated on a committee, served on the board, or helped out in one of our activities during the last year.

There will be some board positions open by our next general meeting and election in March. Please consider running for one of the positions. I'm sure you'll find serving on the board enjoyable and worthwhile. As neighbors, we strive to keep our wonderful Dash Point community moving forward while keeping all of our beloved traditions.

Please call Cathie Ming, nominating chairperson, if you are interested in a board position for next year or for volunteering for some of our committees. Cathie: Call 253-927-3797 or email mcjjem@yahoo.com. Thank you.

Contributed By: Cathie Ming

"Where are they Now?"

Eric A. Ming-2001 DPSIC scholarship winner

Eric was awarded one of the DPSIC scholarships in 2001. Eric is the son of long time Dash Point residents and community volunteers, Cathie and Mike Ming. Cathie is a current and past board member of the DPSIC. Eric was very appreciative of receiving the club's scholarship award in 2001.

Eric attended Dash Pt. elementary, Browns Pt. elementary, Meeker Middle School, and graduated from Stadium High School. While growing up in Dash Point he played soccer with the Norpoint Soccer Association and baseball with Soundview Little League. He served as the youth representative for the DPSIC from 1999 to 2001. Eric also served as a volunteer firefighter with the Browns Pt./Dash Pt. Fire Department for over two years.

Eric attended Washington State University for his freshman year, and then transferred to the University of Washington Tacoma (UWT) where he was on the Dean's list. He graduated with a Bachelor's degree in Urban Studies with a minor in Environmental Science. He is currently employed by Lakehaven Water and Sewer District of Federal Way as a Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator. He recently earned his group 3 operator certification from the Washington State Department of Ecology and continues to advance his career with Lakehaven. He is proud to be doing his part to protect the waters of our beautiful Puget Sound Region.

Eric married Holly Gleim of Browns Point, also a Stadium grad. They graduated together from the University of Washington, Tacoma. Holly went on to get her Masters in Education and teaches second grade in the Clover Park School District. They welcomed a baby daughter, Lucy, in November 2016 and are living in Central Tacoma.

Submitted by: Eric Ming

Coordinated by: Cathie Ming

Handy Phone Numbers

Our County Council Representative (District #2) Pam Roach	253-798-2222
Fire District #13	253-952-4776
Abandoned Vehicles on County Roads	253-798-3444
Sheriff Information	253-798-7530
Traffic Signal & Sign Maintenance (includes sign vandalism)	253-531-6990
Master Gardeners	253-798-7170
Meth Hotline	253-798-7537
Tacoma Power – Outages, fallen wires, broken poles	253-502-8602



Over the Back Fence

--Loved getting hugs from ex-Dash Pointers Mike Geppert and Chris Lane just before they started the second nine at the Stadium Reunion Golf Tournament. All is well with their families.

--Visited with more ex-Dash Pointers at the Ladies Luncheon. Jeanne Waite and her daughters Debbie and Janie. Janie's children are grown now. By the way, I still have not forgiven my babysitter Debbie for waking my non-sleeper baby Bill to play with him forty-seven years ago.

--Ryan Clark is enjoying school at Northeastern University in Boston while younger brother Jack was declared a prince at Bellarmine's Homecoming Dance.

--How nice, Dash Point didn't lose 'em, they just couldn't leave! Jackie and Bill Wittenberg were all set to uproot and downsize, but much to our joy they have decided to stay.

--Our dear Dash Point returnee Margi Melvin, entertained us with golf stories while it was only nine holes.

--What joy to be able to witness two weddings at the Dock. Although I have absolutely no connection to any of these people, both families invited me to share their food and hand me a glass to toast the couples.

--Big doings at the beach: Bob and Marilyn Beale celebrated their Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary and were blessed to have all five of their children at the party. Not only that, but Marilyn was served up a trick on Halloween—her 75th birthday. She is now officially an old lady and will no longer apologize when she cannot remember your name.

--A sense of sadness is setting in as I write this column. Walking with my friend Mary Pete and chit-chatting with neighbors, was my conduit for neighborhood bits and dabs of information. Since her passing, I have not been walking. My New Year's Resolution will be to resume this exercise and thus report all the good going on in our beautiful Dash Point.

Contributed by: Marilyn Beale

A Good “Old” Time: Yes, it was a good old time at the Dash Point Ladies Luncheon the first Saturday in September despite setbacks during the planning stage. For those new to our community, this luncheon has been an event for the women who grew up in Dash Point and their daughters, and for those ladies and their daughters who are current residents of Dash Point. Every year there is a theme and this year’s theme was Dash Point Ladies Golfing Tuesdays. Marilyn Beale brought a sweater that was one of the originals sold that had the name, not a logo embroidered on it. Our gathering is shrinking as more of the original attendees are unable to attend, their daughters have moved away, and they have established roots elsewhere. This year our sympathies go to the family and friends of Virginia Peterson. Despite our waning numbers, all the ladies at the luncheon voted to meet again next September. The theme: Christmas at the Dock.

Thank you, John: After the passing of his wife Mary, John Pete generously donated her jewelry equipment, kiln and glass. She had earned a reputation in the area as a fused glass artist. Over the years Mary had donated her necklaces for prizes at the Dash Point Ladies Luncheon, this year was no different. When asked, John donated beautiful pieces of jewelry designed by Mary for prizes. Not only that, this kind, gentle man donated her kiln, equipment and glass to the art department at Meeker Middle School. Mr. David Bader, the art teacher, was thrilled to be the recipient of such high quality.

Beach Resident Dock Report: This summer the number of people fishing on the dock seemed to be down. There are probably two main factors for this. First, the electric sign posted by the County at the top of Markham helped and second, the salmon run this year was not nearly as plentiful as in years past. Conversely, our little park at the dock spent many days, not just at capacity with many more family groups. Again, this may be attributed to more than one factor. We had an exceptional sunny summer conducive to going to the beach; the cost of going to the beach at the State park may be prohibitive for some families; and some people have stated that they had just “discovered” this lovely little place. Those whose homes border the park are always so happy when school starts and the noise level plummets!

Contributed By: Marilyn Beale

We appreciate your support and renewal for 2018. Clip and mail with check or bring to the membership meeting.

DASH POINT SOCIAL AND IMPROVEMENT CLUB EST. 1907 MEMBERSHIP DUES

Name/s _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____



Please Print Clearly

Phone Number _____ Email _____

Voting or Associate Memberships _____ Dues: \$10 per person _____
 Additional donation welcomed _____

Mail Checks to: DPSIC
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 Total: _____

Information at: www.dashpoint.org If interested in volunteering please check this space _____

Tribute to Dan Barkley 1946-2017

There is not much more I can say after reading the article about Dan in the September issue of Life at the Points, beautifully written with compassion by Kathleen Monahan. I want to thank Points N.E. Historical Society and community members for generous donations to Dan's Future Teachers Scholarship Fund through Greater Tacoma Community Foundation. Teachers are the lifeblood of learning, and were given much credit for his success in life.

Dan loved living in Dash Point, where in 1968, the "Boy from South Tacoma" built his home, raised his family, worked for Tacoma Public Schools, Washington State Schools, and among his many accomplishments, proudly helped found Safe Streets of Tacoma and Graduate Tacoma as a volunteer. He was a Charter/Life Member of Points N.E. Historical Society and contributed to recent bylaw review and audit recommendations for the Dash Point Social and Improvement Club.

Dan was a man of character, always family first. He was honest, trustworthy, competent, artistic and loving. He was a father, grandfather, friend, teacher, counselor, administrator, traveler, and collaborator extraordinaire. Dan's life was well lived, and will remain in the hearts of those who knew him well.

Jill Barkley, Life resident of Dash Point, 4th generation, forever grateful to have married Dan Barkley.



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