



Fall 2022

The Ripples

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Hello from *The Ripples*, our Dash Point Social and Improvement Club (DPSIC) newsletter. It is the intention of the DPSIC leadership and community contributors to keep you up to date on the news, activities and events in our Dash Point area through this emailed newsletter.

This fall edition reports on past activities through the summer as well make you aware of what is to come with events and local changes in the coming months. This includes the celebrated December Holiday Tree Lighting.

If you have contributions for *The Ripples*, I can be reached at jpichaparker@gmail.com. We aim to distribute to our contributing members which is \$10 a person/\$20 a family, per year. A membership form is included in this Ripples. At this writing, please send in the printed form with your check. We are working to update our website to make this electronically easier. The update should happen soon.

Have a wonderful holiday season!

Jean Parker - Ripples Editor



Mark Your Calendar for the Dash Point Holiday Tree Lighting

The Dash Point Holiday Tree Lighting ceremony will be held on Saturday, December 3 at 6 p.m. at the beach. This treasured Dash Point tradition has been loved by our community for generations! Hot chocolate, cider and cookies will be provided at the shelter on the beach. Of course the star of the show, Santa, will be escorted by the Dash Point fire department. Happy Holidays!

Dash Point Pier Closure

The Pier remains closed and at this writing we have nothing new to report. Attempts are being made to get updates for the community. As background, the Metro Parks engineers decided that, "Based on a preliminary assessment completed on July 23, 2021, the pier will remain closed for the public's safety. After more than a quarter-century of service, exposure to the harsh marine environment and the wear and tear of daily use left the pier in need of significant renovation to repair damage and deterioration."

Pierce County Fire Protection District No. 13 Plans for the Future

Pierce County Fire Protection District No. 13 (a.k.a. Browns Point/Dash Point Fire Department) is authorized to provide; Fire Prevention Services, Fire Suppression Services, and Emergency Medical Services (EMS). In turn, the Board of Commissioners provides oversight and focuses on actions that will further the services noted.

In 2016, Fire District planning included the following goals:

Make needed repairs / maintenance to existing stations (Browns Point & Dash Point);

Start building a reserve fund (for major expenditures);

Upgrade office technology and equipment;

Maintain existing fire engines; and

Upgrade EMS training and equipment.

In the period of 2017 – 2022 many of the 2016 goals were accomplished, including the following:

Browns Point Station upgrades (roof, carpeting, painting);

Addition of small water rescue boat (to replace jet skis);

Replaced SCBA (oxygen tanks) refill compressor;

Replaced emergency generator at Dash Point;

Replaced the Chief command vehicle;

Replaced the aid car/ambulance

Replaced sets of turnout gear at a rate of 5 per year;

Established a reserve fund with yearly contributions in place;

Upgraded interior and exterior lighting to LED's at both stations;

Added staff position for MSO (Medical Services Officer); and

Automated policies and procedures online with Lexipol.

Long-range planning efforts continue to be a high priority for the District. The Browns Point Fire Station will need to meet anticipated regulatory requirements such as (emissions control, exhaust collection, handling/cleaning of turnout gear, earthquake readiness, and engine egress and ingress). Replacement of one fire engine is also included in the multi-year planning window.

Changing regulatory requirements also impact our ability to provide up-to-date training and medications for emergency medical services (EMS). Significant cost increases are coming from the revamped South Sound 911 system (fees for radios, dispatch and use of communication towers). Various National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) industry standards combined with new, unfunded state and federal mandates create budgetary challenges for the District's planning efforts.

Your Fire Commissioners (Jim Zuluaga, Dave Malone, and Dave Noll) appreciate the support provided by the citizens of Browns Point and Dash Point. We are grateful for the leadership provided by Chief McCollum (retired) and current Chief Wassall and their ability to utilize the human and financial resources available to meet the needs of our community.

Old Glory is Waving Proudly

The Dash Point flagpole received a badly needed tune-up on July 15. The DPSIC Board worked ten months to schedule the repair. After several failed attempts to maneuver a man lift and boom truck between the concrete bollards, the "Flags A 'Flying Company'" (who installed the flagpole 17 years ago) finally performed major repairs while working atop a scissor lift. Besides replacing parts, a new 6" heavy-duty gold anodized spun aluminum ball ornament adorns the top of the pole now.

In 2005, it was longtime resident, Jerry Barrett, who solicited funds donated from community members to purchase and install the pole on the grounds of Metro Parks by the pier. The Dash Point Social and Improvement Club has pledged to maintain the pole and periodically replace the flag when needed. Tom Tankiewicz takes on this responsibility and follows the United States Flag Code regulations.



Dash Point lost a dedicated community member

Geraldine Bechtold, the committed neighbor who watched over the park and pier, passed away suddenly on August 11, 2022. With her extraordinary gardening skills, she planted and nurtured the spring tulips and summer red and white geraniums in the planter beneath the concrete DASH POINT welcoming bulkhead that she and her husband Kevin kept clean and painted. Geraldine worked closely with Metro Parks Tacoma to ensure the park, pier and beach areas were safe for both community and visitors to enjoy. She made Dash Point more beautiful and will certainly be remembered for her volunteer acts of giving.



Celebrating a great summer time at Dash Point...

A Dashing Dash Point Dash

This year's Dash Point Dash, that was held on Saturday, June 25th, featured almost 100 runners and walkers. The weather cooperated, fire fighters from our own Dash Point and Browns Point fire stations acted as volunteers and the post-race BBQ returned to the beach at Dash Point.

The race shirt design was created by our own, Cathy Martin. Local businesses donated many post-race prizes, and a great time was had by all! A big thanks to our wonderful team of volunteers that show up every year to make this annual event such a success.

Next year, the Dash is tentatively scheduled for the first Saturday in June, which is its traditional date. Mark your calendars for June 2023.

Puget Sounds at the Dash Point Pier

This summer, if you took a stroll down Markham Avenue or Soundview Drive and wondered where the live trumpet music was coming from, we have the scoop. Our Dash Point, warm summer evenings by the pier were filled with the melodious sounds of classical, smooth jazz, soft rock, soul and R&B tunes performed by our local trumpeters, John Lloyd and Bill Lawson. Our natural amphitheater hillside provided our residential community, visitors, diners at Gino's Restaurant, paddle boarders and beachcombers' memorable open-air entertainment. It was such a treat! Thank you John and Bill!



Trumpeters John Lloyd and Bill Lawson

Dash Point Social & Improvement Club Membership

All are welcome to join the Dash Point Social & Improvement Club, which has been in existence since 1907! Your membership helps to support our community activities like the Dash Point Dash and our Holiday Tree Lighting event, and it supports our yearly scholarships given to local high school seniors. The membership fee is \$10 per person/\$20 per family! You can simply complete the following membership form and mail it to us or drop it off at the Browns Point Postal Mailboxes - 6716 East Side Drive N Ste 1 PMB 23 Tacoma, WA 98422. The DPSIC mail box is at the Browns Point Postal Mailbox store.

If you would like to be more involved and have interest in participating on our board now or in the future, please email us at dpsic07@gmail.org

We look forward to your support and participation in the Dash Point Social and Improvement Club.



Dash Point Social and Improvement Club Membership Form

www.dashpoint.org

All are welcome to become DPSIC members as either Voting or Associate members. Individuals who reside in or own property in the Dash Point community (*see voting eligibility boundaries in Membership information*) are eligible to become Voting members of the Dash Point Social and Improvement Club.

DPSIC membership offers many great benefits such as the ability to participate in the annual DPSIC Scholarship, vote at DPSIC meetings with a voting membership, receive neighborhood updates and online publication *The Ripples*, share your concerns to the membership at meetings, as well as support and volunteer in Dash Point community events and programs! (See Scholarship area for more information on scholarship participation.)

DPSIC offers 2 different memberships: **Voting** or ***Associate Membership** defined below. Both types of memberships are \$10 per person. Additional donations are also welcome.

Voting Membership: Defined as one (1) adult, age 18 or older residing in or owning property within the boundaries of Dash Point with a single, undivided vote on all matters of the Corporation. Bylaws Article II, Section 4 (a).

***Associate (non-voting) Membership:** Defined as one (1) adult, age 18 or older residing outside the boundaries of Dash Point and wishing to support Dash Point Social and Improvement Club activities. Bylaws Article II Section 4 (b).

Begin by filling out the information below (please print all responses clearly) or JOIN ONLINE on our website.

NAME(S): _____

DATE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

DUES YEAR: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

(Annual dues are Jan - Dec.)

PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

Please select type of membership (\$10) per person:

VOTING # of Members _____

ASSOCIATE # of Members _____

Additional Donation Welcomed _____ **Total Amount:** _____
If interested in volunteering for an event, please check this space:

Mail or deliver checks to:

DPSIC Attn: Membership

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Dash Point Social and Improvement Club Board of Trustees

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Important Phone Numbers

Emergency: 911

Pierce County Sheriff: 253-798-4721 (Non-Emergency)

Fire Department: 253-952-4776

Browns Point Postal Mailboxes: 253-927-9633

Elected Officials as of 11-1-2022:

27th Washington State Legislative District:

Jake Fey 253-238-0511 jake.fey@leg.wa.gov

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Pierce County District 5:

Marty Campbell 253-798-6653 marty.campbell@piercecountywa.gov

Meet MARTY CAMPBELL Event

Our new District 5 Pierce County Council member

Date: Wednesday, April 20, 2022

Time: 6 p.m. – 7 p.m.

Where: Center at Norpoint - 4818 Nassau Ave NE, Tacoma

Let's connect on issues and discuss opportunities to work together.

Zuppa Toscana Olive Garden Copycat

Recommended by Janet Hominda

Ingredients

1 small chopped onion
1 TBSP olive oil
3 cloves garlic
2 cups chopped Kale
2 cups diced Potatoes
32 oz low sodium chicken broth
1 pound hot Italian sausage
6 slices cooked bacon
1 cup milk or cream

Instructions

Place your Instant Pot on sauté add olive oil and onions, garlic, and sausage.
Cook until sausage is brown and it crumbles.
Add potatoes, chicken broth, and place Kale on top.
Cover and place pot on manual high pressure for 10 minutes.
Do a quick release.
Place pot back on sauté.
Stir in milk or cream.
Chop your bacon and stir in your soup