

Dash Point Social and Improvement Club

The Ripples

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Dash Point Tree 2022

It's official! The Dash Point Holiday Tree Lighting event is on for this Saturday, December 2 at 6 pm.

This year the announcement had been delayed due to some new permitting requirements the Tacoma Metro Parks Department had enacted. But the Dash Point Social Improvement Club Board and Trustees were able to work quickly and complete the paperwork. Bravo to the officers who made this happen and saved our holiday tradition! A big Bravo to Tom Smith for getting and putting up the tree with a lot of help from local volunteers. It is beautiful.

Holiday Tree Lighting event details:

- This Saturday, December 2 beginning at 6 p.m. at the Dash Point Metro Park (not the State Park).
- The Northpoint Cooperative Pre-Schoolers will be singing carols.
- Tree Lighting will happen at 6:30 p.m.
- Santa will arrive on the Dash Point Fire truck at 6:45 p.m. and hand out candy canes.
- Hot Chocolate and Cider will be served with cookies in the picnic shelter on the beach.
- Please consider bringing food items for our local United Methodist Church food pantry.

Sorry – there will be no bon fire on the beach this year because of a high tide and the fire would be too close to the parking lot.

In other Dash Point news... We want to thank Janet Hominda for serving as DPSIC President and to John Canorro for serving as the DPSIC Treasurer. They have worked to keep Dash point moving forward.

These leadership announcements also highlight the need for new volunteers to step forward and serve.

If you have an interest in helping to lead and maintain the special community that is Dash Point, please contact me, Jean Parker, your DPSIC Secretary and Ripples editor at jpichaparker@gmail.com. We will have a new election at the March Board meeting.

Here is the current makeup of the Board:

President: Vacant

Vice President: Bart Parker

Treasurer: Vacant – Bart is currently managing the DPSIC accounts.

Secretary: Jean Parker

Trustee: Grant Hosford

Trustee: Kathy Martin

Trustee: Melissa Spadafore

Trustee: Chris Spadafore

Trustee: Lynnett Stevenson

**All are welcome to join the Dash Point Social & Improvement Club --
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! You can simply complete the following membership form and mail it to us or drop it off at the Browns Point Postal Mailboxes. Forms are also available there. Membership forms can also be downloaded from our website www.dashpoint.org under the membership heading toward the bottom of the page. Detailed membership information is also available on this page.

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

You're encouraged to also support the other two local organizations in our community, the Browns Point Improvement Club (BPIC) and Points NE Historical Society. Let's get together and have a good time!

Scroll down for the Membership Form

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 offers two 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 - 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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Visit our website www.dashpoint.org for community updates, information, forms, and events.

Dash Point Dash

Dash Point Dash put the fun in the Fun Run! Many folks showed up for the event this year even though it was moved this year from June to September. A big thank you to Janet and Mike Hominda for working to make the run happen. Many prizes were given out and there were a lot of smiles. Thank you as well to the organizations that stepped forward with the prizes. Please show them our gratitude by supporting these organizations.

Starbucks on Hoyt Road

Browns Point Postal Mailboxes

The Museum of Flight

Tacoma Art Museum

LeMay Car Museum

Sandbar and Grill

Siete Restaurant
Port Townsend Aero Museum
North 47th Brewing Company
Browns Point Teriyaki and Sushi



Over the Back Fence

By Marilyn Beale

As of October 26, 2023

Since that uninvited guest Covid came into our lives, and I lost my sweet walking friend, Mary Pete, I have not been venturing out for walks, thus this column may be a bit localized sprinkled with Dash Point memories.

This will need a wee bit of follow-up, as I was alerted about all the newcomers by Terry Weigel around the Point aka the back road vis-à-vis Beach Drive. Terry was kind enough to give me their first names and the names of their fur babies, dogs that is, but no last names. To the following, a big welcome to Dash Point:

-----Craig and Angelique and their fur baby Luna;

-----Jennifer and Matt and their fur baby Boo;

-----William and Mickey Mitchell (notice I was able to find out a surname) and their fur baby Scarlet.

-----Christina and Ken and their fur baby Tennessee.

-----Shanna Yang

-----A big happy birthday was celebrated for former Dash Pointer, John Beale, now a Southern Californian, who turned 60. It is hard to wrap our heads around the fact that our children and their friends who made good use of our Beale Beach, are nearing us approaching retirement age.

-----Remembering Halloween in the olden days, fifty years ago: On the back street, Babe Norton had the coolest, scariest haunted house in the neighborhood. It was sooooo scary, my four-year-old trick 'r treater stood in front of me to protect me from all the ghosts and goblin and refused to walk up and get any candy.

May all you newcomers experience the joys of a supportive community as much as we have for these last fifty-six years. Meanwhile may you have an enjoyable holiday season.

Words to the wise regarding coyotes - a true incident

Watch out for coyotes! I learned this a few years ago while walking down 21st Street with my dear friend Mary Pete. Mary's love of dogs ran deep and true. To her, a stray just needed her love and attention, thus when she spotted a scruffy canine, she called to it, "Here doggy, doggy, doggy." "My heart raced as I looked around for a big rock, shouting, "NO, MARY, IT'S A COYOTE! Warning: Our local coyotes have NO FEAR - Avoid them and protect your pets!

Dash Point Dock

When telephoning the Metro Parks office for an update on the Dash Point Dock, the gentleman had little more information to add since the community meeting at Norpoint Center last May. He said that Metro Parks is finalizing the design and funding. He referred me to their website to keep abreast of any new developments and our community will be notified of a proposed meeting in 2024. You can reach their website by typing in Metro Parks Tacoma.

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