



Dash Point Social and Improvement Club

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DASH POINT SOCIAL IMPROVEMENT CLUB (DPSIC) ANNUAL MEETING

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!! TUESDAY, MARCH 25

Historic Dash Point School – In the Pre-School – Ground Floor

6546 Dash Point Blvd NE, Tacoma

(Parking & door access on the Eastside Drive Side of the building)

Doors open at 6:00 p.m.

You are strongly encouraged to arrive early (starting at 6 pm) to sign in, especially new members. There will also be a community social before the meeting and opportunity to visit the school's Principal's Office which is a museum of Dash Point history organized by the Points NE Historical Society.

(Note: Those who live in the Dash Point boundary are allowed to vote. A boundary map will be available at the meeting.)

THE MEETING BEGINS PROMPTLY AT 6:30 p.m.

AGENDA

- **Election of DPSIC Board Officers and Trustees**
- **DPSIC dues update and vote.**
- **Guest Speakers:**
 - **PCFD 13 Chief Jim Wassall**
 - **Pierce County District 5 Councilman Bryan Yamba**
 - **Parks Tacoma - Capital Programs/Community/ Neighborhood Parks Manager Kristi Evans**
 - **Tacoma CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) Program Manager Arianna Topbjerg**
- **Opportunities to get involved with the Dash Point Community.**
- **Raffle Prizes**

**2024 DASH POINT COMMUNITY HOLIDAY TREE LIGHTING
CEREMONY**

Saturday December 7, 2024



A beautiful tree!

The Holiday Tree Lighting in December was a festive success. Northpoint Cooperative Preschoolers singing holiday carols serenaded the community. The tree lighting happened right on time illuminating a fantastic tree. All enjoyed hot chocolate, cider, and cookies. Boxes brimmed with food donated to the United Methodist Church food bank. And the highlight – Santa arrived on the Browns/Dash Point fire truck with his pockets full of candy canes and ready to pose for pictures. It was truly a Dash Point celebration!

A HUGE thank you to our Dash Point Social Improvement Board members, Northpoint Co-op Preschool and their families, our volunteers, and our local Browns Point and Dash Point firefighters who worked hard to create this traditional and cherished event.

DASH POINT DOCK UPDATE

Kristi Evans, Manager of the Parks Tacoma Capital Programs, Community and Neighborhood Parks will attend the DPSIC Annual Meeting on March 25 to deliver a brief report on the dock's rehabilitation process and answer questions (see meeting details on page in one this *Ripples* newsletter).

DASH POINT SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS NOW AVAILABLE

ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

Are you a soon-to-be graduating high school senior?

Do you live in Dash Point or Browns Point?

Do you have additional educational plans after you graduate?

If the answer is “yes” to all these questions, consider applying for one of the DPSIC scholarships awarded this year. The 2025 application can be found on-line at www.dashpoint.org or at the Stadium High School and Bellarmine Preparatory School counseling offices as well as at the Browns Point Postal Mailboxes.

While good citizenship and achievement are highly considered, the scholarship committee is interested in knowing about your individual goals, your participation in service events in our community, and your favorite activities in and outside of school.

APPLICATIONS DUE BY THURSDAY, MAY 1, 2025

OVER THE FENCE

Neighborhood Happenings

By Marilyn Beale

“Knock, knock,” is what I heard at my front door. Of course, I classically responded, “Who’s there?” I thought it was my niece who lives next door and pops in and out but always knocks first. No, it was Michelle Bieber, queen of walkers in Dash Point. She had her grandson and granddaughter in tow and brought them to the beach to meet me. What a delightful duo! I would love to make a play date with my grandchildren. Funny, it seems like it was recently that I watched Michelle’s sons Mark and Justin run down Markham Avenue after school.

Big bunches of birthday wishes to our beautiful little Miss Betty Borders at the beach who just turned six. May her balloons of wishes come true.

Because of our inclement weather, walking has been curtailed, thus contact with other humans has also been curtailed. As I gazed out my front window, I spotted one of my favorite friends -- a big, white fluffy-furred dog that I love to call Snowflake. When I reached out to him, he covered my hand with canine kisses, which makes me wonder if he truly loves me or if Dermasil is his favorite flavor of hand cream!

This brings me to a reminder during our cold snaps! Make sure your pets are safe and warm. My second warning is to all my beloved Dash Point walkers: PLEASE BE AWARE AND WATCH OUT FOR CARS ON MARKHAM AVENUE!!! As I drive down Markham, *I am acutely aware of the following factors:*

- 1. It is a narrow street with few places for a car to swerve out of the way to avoid hitting pedestrians.*
- 2. Please use the pedestrian rule, i.e., walk single file on the edge of the road facing traffic, not in the middle of the road.*

3. *Please, please, use reflective tape on your vest and your beautiful puffy and warm dark jackets after dark. You are invisible until it is almost too late to avoid bumping you with a car.*
4. *Speaking of encounters with a car, **drivers, please slow down.** Do not be fooled by the lack of slippery ice at the bottom of the hill because halfway up Markham, that slick black ice is hiding and just waiting to give you the scare of your life.*

DASH POINT SOCIAL IMPROVEMENT CLUB (DPSIC) MEMBERSHIP

All are welcome to become Dash Point Social Improvement Club (*DPSIC*) members. Each adult will be either a **Voting member** or **Associate member, depending on where you live.** Voting members are exclusive to those who currently reside within the Dash Point Community boundaries.

See all details on our website at: www.dashpoint.org

DPSIC Membership Benefits

- Participate in the annual DPSIC Scholarship (more info on the website *scholarship* page).
- Vote at DPSIC meetings (**Voting membership only**).
- Receive neighborhood updates and online publication “*The Ripples.*”
- Share your voice at meetings with other members.
- Support and Volunteer in Dash Point Community events and programs.

Membership Fees

Voting member: \$10/year per person (adult)

Associate member: \$10/year per person (adult)

(Example: 3 - person (adult) family members = \$30 / year)

Online Membership Registration: www.dashpoint.org

Membership choices available on our website: www.dashpoint.org

