



Dash Point Social and Improvement Club

The Ripples

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Lynnett Stevenson, ready for the 2025 DPSIC Holiday Tree Lighting.

Letter from the DPSIC President

We are grateful to you for being a current or past member of the Dash Point Social and Improvement Club (DPSIC). We have been a non-profit organization since 1907! This is thanks to the many Dash Point residents and property owners who have given their time and support. I extend my deep appreciation to those individuals.

This DPSIC “*Ripples*” newsletter, crafted by our Board for our Dash Point community, is sent to member emails three to four times a year and contains lots of community information. Below is a further overview of what information this Ripples will provide.

- 1) **FREE membership starting this year for Dash Point residents and property owners** who choose to submit their information. This inclusive move is exciting because it allows DPSIC to more fully welcome every local choosing to join. With this important change, we have a new membership system and ask all prior and new members to submit your information to us. Details for signing up are on the next page. *Personal information is not shared outside of DPSIC.*
- 2) Our **Annual Meeting date is** Thursday, March 12 starting at 6 pm. It will include speakers and voting for new DPSIC board officers and trustees. Please put this event on your calendar and attend!
- 3) **Holiday Tree Lighting** event pictures remind us of the precious voices of our local Northpoint Co-op Preschool Carolers and the tree symbolizing our Dash Point community.
- 4) **DPSIC Scholarship** information invites our graduating seniors to apply for a chance to support their next educational step.
- 5) **“Over the Fence”** is a glimpse around our neighborhood authored by board member, Marilyn Beale.
- 6) **Welcoming the Welcome Pole**
- 7) **Historic picture**
- 8) **Dash Point Dash:** Saturday, June 6, 2026!

During our upcoming Annual Meeting on March 12, four board positions will be on the ballot – the DPSIC President, Secretary and two trustee positions. We have great nominees for your votes. Considering that, I will be passing on the President’s gavel after our annual meeting so this will be my last President’s letter. I have enjoyed working with the other tremendous board members, volunteers, and our local organizations. I know our Dash Point Social and Improvement Club will be in good hands moving forward with the incoming Board officers and trustees.

It has been my honor to serve this delightful community and this organization.

With gratitude,

Lynnett Stevenson, President

Dash Point Social and Improvement Club (DPSIC)

Dash Point Social Improvement Club (DPSIC) Membership
Online Membership Registration is available on our website:
www.dashpoint.org or via this QR code:



Free DPSIC Membership – Here are the details!

Membership is NOW FREE to all DASH POINT RESIDENTS and PROPERTY OWNERS. But it does require signing up by all prior and new members!

If you received this newsletter, you are in our prior contact list. Even if you have been a member, please renew your membership in our new system. We ask all members and DP residents/owners to sign up!

Submit your name and contact information through our website or via the QR code above. It is easy to do. All are welcome to become *DPSIC* members as explained below.

Here are the details:

Each adult will be either a Voting member or Associate member, depending on where you live.

- Voting memberships are exclusively available to those who currently reside or own property within the Dash Point Community boundaries.
- All we need for 2026 free membership is your name, email, and address, which verifies you live in Dash Point, and preferably a phone number in case there are any questions.
- Associate memberships are available at \$10 per adult to those that reside outside of the Dash Point Community boundaries.
- Please check our website for membership details: www.dashpoint.org or email us at dpsic07@gmail.com with any questions.

DPSIC Membership Benefits

- Scholarships for High School Seniors. It's a great opportunity for seniors to apply for the annual DPSIC Scholarship. Information is on the website scholarship page: www.dashpoint.org
- Vote at DPSIC annual meetings. Voting memberships are only available to Dash Point residents/owners.
- Receive neighborhood updates and online publications through the *Ripples* and periodic community information emails. Share your voice at meetings with other members.
- Volunteer/support Dash Point Community events and programs.

Though dues for Dash Point members are free, donations are very welcome to continue to support our Dash Point activities and scholarships.



DPSIC ANNUAL MEETING
It is **your community** meeting.

Thursday, March 12, 2026

6:30 p.m.

Location: Historic Dash Point School

6546 Dash Point Blvd NE

Dash Point, WA 98422

This is your annual meeting of the Dash Point Social and Improvement Club.
Join in to vote for your officers and trustees, learn about the future of your dock, hear new things about your local community, and meet your neighbors.

Use your voice!

The doors will open at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 12, 2026, at the Historic Dash Point School (now Northpoint Co-op Preschool – lower level) for refreshments and social time. The historic school room will be open for viewing. The meeting will be called to order at 6:30.

The evening will include guest speakers from Parks Tacoma – Capital Program Manager, Kristi Evans; Browns Point/Dash Point Fire Department District 13 – Chief Jim Wassall; and Pierce County Council Member, District 5 – Bryan Yambe.

We will vote for a new DPSIC President, Secretary and two new board members and hear current news about the club and the community.

This is **your** Dash Point. You are encouraged to think about how **you** can serve the Dash Point community.

Please, put this on your calendar and join us. Refreshments will be provided.

Happy Holidays Dash Point!





The tree, Santa, carolers and smiling faces - left to right, Jessica Pichora, Inga Gasser and Sven Gasser, Monica Watchie, Lisa Zuluaga, and Marilyn Beale.

The magic of this past holiday season swirled around Dash Point Park and Pier on Saturday, December 6! The weather was calm, dry, and bright -- perfect for the Dash Point community to gather and celebrate the festiveness of the season and the opportunity to be with neighbors.

Sweet, young carolers from the Northpoint Co-op Preschool led the community in song. The countdown to the tree lighting ushered in a gorgeous 35-foot tree which earlier was hefted into place by volunteers and the Browns Point/Dash Point volunteer firefighters with lots of pre-planning by board member Tom Smith and help from John Turnquist. Beside the glow of the tree, Dash Point neighbors gathered, mingled, and laughed while drinking hot chocolate, cider and scrumptious holiday cookies. What could be a better way to say “Community!”

Hey! – High School Seniors in the Class of 2026!



Apply for an investment in your academic future!

2026 Dash Point Scholarship Application Forms Available Soon

Are you a senior who will graduate from high school this spring and...

...live in Dash Point or Browns Point?

...have plans to continue your education or career skills at a university, college, vocational or trade school?

...will complete a brief application about school, volunteer and work activities to be awarded a scholarship?

If the answer is “yes” to these questions, consider applying for one of the Dash Point Social and Improvement Club scholarships this year.

Information and application forms (both electronic and hard copy) will be available in March on the Dash Point website www.dashpoint.org, at local high school counseling offices, and at Browns Point Postal Mailboxes.

Be sure to check the Dash Point website!

Applications are due Friday, May 1st, 2026



Over the Back Fence

By Marilyn Beale, Long-time Dash Point Resident

January 2026

As I write this, it is January – that wonderful month named after the Roman god Janus, who could look both backward and forward at the same time! Even though these are not Roman times, human nature has not changed, not even in our beloved Dash Point Community.

Looking back over 2025, we positively embraced our cold “Bay Plunge” on *dead* Christmas tree day. In February - a frigid part of our winter, we shook our heads in disbelief at the flotilla of fisher-folk attempting to snag supper and at the hard-core walkers keeping warm by the smiles of their neighbors waving them on.

Spring brought laughing children to our park, but also a feeling of sadness as “our” dock is still cordoned off!

Summer is the best time except for the M-80s going off in the middle of the night on July Fourth, frightening our pets. However, the warm weather let us show off our athletic prowess during the Dash Point Dash Fun Run. Even little old ladies, beyond 80-years old entered, albeit most of us (oops, I mean “them) walked.

Fall rolled in with the fog and with it the hush that fell over the park as laughing children returned to school.

Winter quickly came upon us, but our moods were lightened by the DPSIC Tree Lighting ceremony, complete with our little angels from Northpoint Co-op Preschool entertaining us with their singing, Santa’s visit, and the warmth of a community gathering while enjoying hot chocolate, cider, and cookies.

Health must not be ignored, and Jim Harnish was certainly not going to ignore his health. I ran into him while I was leaving the Northshore Clinic lab and had a lovely conversation with him. With his beautiful, warm smile, Jim reported how happy his holidays were because his daughter, who lives in Maine, made it home to be with her Dash Point family. A new neighborhood celebration slipped into the end of 2025 as Sven Gasser and his wife Jessica invited DPSIC Board members, neighbors, and friends to a New Years Eve celebration at his home. Oldsters and youngsters appreciated their kind recognition of the time limits of age when it came to planning a 4:30 p.m. party.

On a sad note, we lost our beloved member of our beach community – Little Sandy. Our little furball, a familiar fixture on the beach, made her final goodbye and headed home to doggy heaven. Janet Massey and her “Grandma,” Teri Massey misses this special little girl, as we all do.

Friends and neighbors, now that you have read how much activity we have in our community --- PLEASE JOIN US FOR A SMASHING 2026 – STARTING RIGHT NOW!!!

If you have Dash Point news to share in the *Ripples* and our article “Over the Back Fence,” I would be grateful if you send it to mlbeale1416@gmail.com or 253-927-4267. ~ Marilyn

The Welcome Pole is on its way back!

Have you wondered about the Browns Point Native American Welcome Pole that at one time greeted our community in the triangle near the Browns Point shopping center? We're passing along the good news from the Browns Point Improvement Club. This is a project that the Dash Point Social Improvement Club has supported with a donation. We are reprinting the BPIC announcement here.



We are excited to share an important update on the new Welcome Pole project!

The BPIC is pleased to announce that our application with WSDOT has officially been approved. This is a significant milestone, and we are extremely grateful for the support that made it possible.

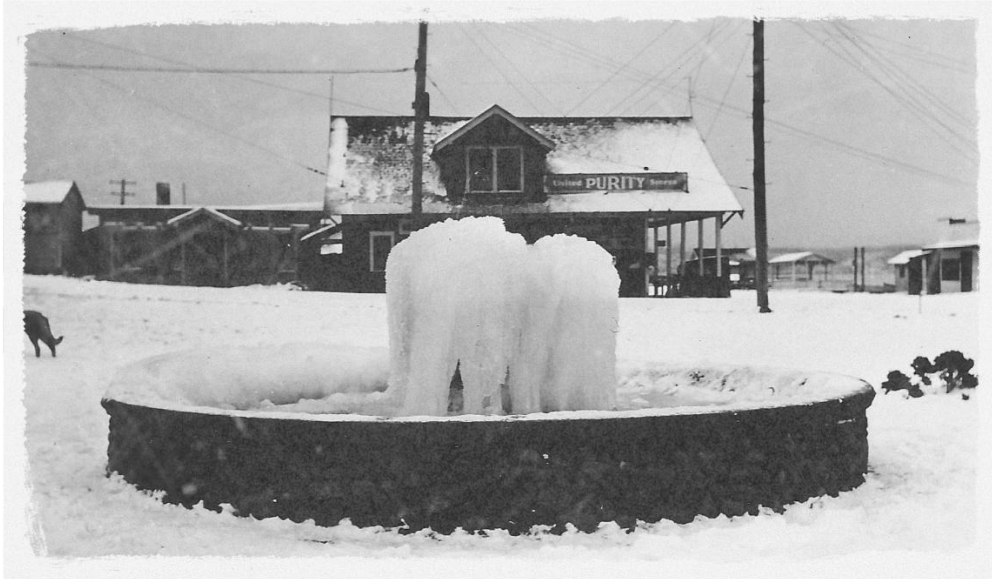
In the coming weeks, you may notice work beginning at the Jerry Meeker Memorial Triangle as preparations are made for the pole's foundation. We look forward to seeing this project move into its next phase.

A dedication ceremony will be scheduled in the near future, and we will share details as soon as they are available.

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to WSDOT, Pierce County, the BPIC leaders who worked diligently on this effort, and everyone who has donated to support this project. Your contributions and collaboration have made this achievement possible.

Thank you for your continued support.

A COLD DAY IN DASH POINT



POINTS NE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

BRRRRR – A Dash Point Chiller!

It can get very cold here at Dash Point.

This was **what year** when the fountain put on a white coat?

Does anyone remember this winter?

A hint -- Look at the “Purity” sign on what is now Gino’s at the Point Restaurant.

Send your answer to dpsic07@gmail.com

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