

Points N.E. Historical Society

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Located in Browns Point Lighthouse Park

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The Light Keeper's Cottage
 201 Tulalip Street
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 at the Browns Point Lighthouse Park

Holiday Refreshments ● Visit with Santa ● Holiday Food Drive

Free Admission

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Parking your Sleigh at the Tea?

During the Christmas Tea, parking can be a challenge. Disabled parking will be available at the Cottage. Volunteers will help you park.

Otherwise, please plan to drop your passengers off at the Cottage and then park your car elsewhere. One suggestion is the parking lots at the Browns Point Playfield (Curly Slide Park). Please do not park or block the local residents' property.

*On Dasher, On Dancer, on Prancer and Vixen
Dash Away All.*

Check those Gifts Off your List!

Don't forget to check out our Gift Shop during the Tea for creative gift ideas. You'll find books, holiday cards, t-shirts, coffee mugs, hats, cottage hollyhock seeds and more. We just received a new order of the popular cottage and lighthouse Christmas Tree ornaments. Besides great items and values, we also offer free gift wrapping. You can renew your membership or purchase one for a gift. We also encourage memorials and donations in honor of someone special! We take cards, checks and cash!

Donate Food at Our Christmas Tea Food Drive

Don't forget to bring a donation for our Food Drive which will benefit the local FISH Food Bank. You may donate canned or dry food (non-perishable) or cash. Our local Boy Scouts will be helping us gather the donations!

In 2015, the Food Drive spearheaded by Norm Butka



Save the Dates for Community Events

Browns Point Improvement Club Santa Visit : Monday Dec. 12 at 7 pm BPIC Clubhouse
The Fire Dept. delivers Santa so he can listen to your child's wishes. Hot Cocoa, cider, candy canes and cookies provided! Bring canned and dry food for the Food Drive. Ho! Ho! Ho!

Argosy Christmas Cruise at Browns Point: Thursday, Dec. 15, 8:00 to 8:20 pm.
featuring the Pacific Sound Chorus

Come down to the BPIC Clubhouse and have a listen!

Toys for Tots Drop off Point is at the NE Tacoma Police Substation. Donate items for kids and teenagers through Dec. 19.

2017

**Points Northeast Historical Society Annual Meeting ; February 16, 7 pm at
St Matthew Episcopal Church in Browns Point.**

Historical Speaker. Refreshments. Gift Shop. Purchase 2017 Membership.

PNEHS CELEBRATES 30th BIRTHDAY

Our favorite local historical group, Points Northeast Historical Society celebrated its 30th “birthday” August 21 with a party in the historical old Dash Point School! About 30 guests munched on birthday cake and other treats plus a great clam chowder prepared by Dan Barkley. The tables were decorated with vases of flowers collected from Marian Goodwin’s garden by her daughter, Robin Goodwin Saville. The Society started in 1986 around a kitchen table in the home of Jill Barkley in Dash Point. Along with Jill were Patti Hurlbut and Mavis Stears who helped cofound the organization.

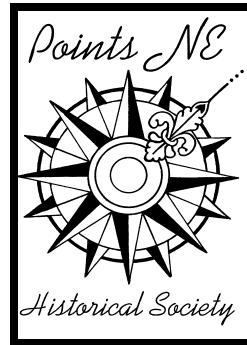
The Society is proud of 338 members today. It found a home through Metro Parks and the Coast Guard in the Browns Point Lighthouse crew quarters building which Jill and volunteers restored to usability. This building became the home for collections of photos, documents, scrap books, and records of past organizations in Dash Point, Browns Point & Northeast Tacoma. By 2000 the Lightkeeper’s Cottage, the Bellhouse, and the Oil House were added to the Society’s responsibility. The Society also maintains “The Principal’s Office in the Old Dash Point School. Over the 30 years with dedicated community volunteers, the Society has hosted Christmas Teas, Salmon Bake Open Houses, ice cream socials, garden tours and parties, school field trips, tours, beach walks, lectures, publications, building a replica USGS surfboat and more ... and more ... and more.

Thank you, Jill and Dan for hosting this celebration.



PNEHS Presidents enjoy the party.

Left to Right: Sally Slater, Jill Barkley, Patti Hurlbut, Dave Noll, Neil Hanson, Jim Harnish and Linda Van Nest. Missing was Mavis Stears who was with her brand new twin great grandchildren.



*At Right:
Host Dan Barkley serves up
his delicious homemade
clam chowder! Yum! Yum!*



The Browns Point Light

Janet Joy of Tacoma recently sent PNEHS an email complimenting us on the Light! Her text follows:

Thank you for finally installing a decent light in the Browns' Point Lighthouse. I look across Commencement Bay to your location several times a day, and am delighted to see a proper light flashing after dark. For far too long that wimpy light was only visible from North Tacoma. Thank you for all your efforts to restore and maintain an unique treasure."

Thank you, Janet for your email but it wasn't us who changed the light. That honor goes to the Coast Guard. But just like you, we are glad for the bright light as well as the ships coming into the Bay are happy with it, too.

Cub Scouts Visit Lighthouse Park in Quest to Learn About Their Community

The Cub Scouts of local Pack 308 converged on the Cottage, adjacent museums and park area of the Browns Point Lighthouse Park on Saturday, Oct 29th.

Nine Scouts and assorted family made for a group of 25 eager beavers. The weather was blustery but of course the Cubs came prepared for the weather and learning. Besides the Scout group, five neighbors joined the fun! The Cubs' goal was to learn about this part of the community so they could report to the whole Pack at their November 17th meeting.

The group toured the Lightkeeper's Cottage and its Museums, used tools and marveled at our surfboat in the Boathouse Museum and each of them had a whack at the original bell in the Bellhouse. Pity the poor neighbors that day!

Using the school field trips as a basis for the program, the children learned about the role of lighthouses, local history of our Light and the use of "vintage" but a lot of fun tools.

Nancy Bess, our volunteer coordinator said, "They will be talking about this adventure for a long time!"

Thanks to our Docents who volunteered to help at the tour: Nancy Bess, Jerry and Karen Pischel, Jim and Pat



Lower Left: Volunteer Jerry Pischel explains the Surf Boat to the Cubs and parents.



Lower Right: Jill Barkley gives the Cubs a big Light-



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Shirley Furseth Muntz

Shirley Muntz, passed away in September after a five year illness. Born in 1931, Shirley was raised in Browns Point. She was very proud that she had been the first Browns Point Salmon Bake Queen in 1948. She married Robert (Bob) Muntz in 1951 and they raised four children in Tacoma. She leaves behind Bob and her children plus eight grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren. Shirley and Bob have always been supportive members of the PNEHS and attended many of our events. She and Bob also volunteered at the Washington State History Museum for 16 years.



Jerry Meeker crowns the first Salmon Bake Queen Shirley Furseth Muntz at the 1948 Salmon Bake

Margie Ann Bunge

Margie Bunge, a long time educator, passed away in September, 2016. Born in 1933, she taught generations of students at Browns Point, Dash Point Elementary Schools and other schools in Tacoma. She taught this newsletter editor as a third grader at Browns Point School and made me a top reader as well as giving me an award for improvement in four-square!

Margie married Robert Bunge, Sr. (Bob). They raised two children. She leaves behind her children and two grandchildren.

Jack Wentworth

Another long time educator with ties to our piece of NE Tacoma, Jack Wentworth died in September. Eightyseven years old, Jack spent 37 years as a teacher and principal in the Tacoma Schools. He served as Principal of Browns Point, Dash Point and Meeker Schools for many years. He is survived by his wife Irene, three children and five grandchildren and three great grandchildren.



Here's your chance to score some nice points with Santa.

Tell him he looks like he's slimmed down a bit or ask what his favorite cookie is.

Santa and the Mrs. will be at the Christmas Tea to greet you and listen to your Christmas wishes and sit for photos. All

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Salmon Bake 2016 Success

880 plus visitors toured the Lightkeeper's Cottage and the other museums during the two days of the Browns Point Salmon Bake. That's a record!

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Memberships

Individual	15.00	_____
Family	25.00	_____
Senior (Per Member)	10.00	_____
Sponsor	50.00	_____
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Total Enclosed _____

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Education	_____	Fund Raising	_____
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Points Northeast Historical Society appreciates your support in helping to preserve, promote and celebrate the history of Browns Point, Dash Point and Northeast Tacoma.

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Sunday Dec. 11, 1-4 pm
Don't forget canned food for the
Food Drive!
Make points with Santa

A Tip of the Lightkeeper's Cap to Kathy Martin for the rendering of our Christmas Tea poster and this newsletter's cover!

Dash Point's Lobster Shop

In June, 1977, Denny Driscoll purchased an old, well-used building at the Dash Point Dock. Having various previous uses as a grocery store and a fish and chips restaurant, Driscoll remodeled it inside and out to create a fine seafood restaurant called the *The Lobster Shop*. He developed a reputation for serving very fine seafood. Reservations were hard to get. And not just locals and Tacomans were trekking to the little shop to get a wonderful meal, those folks from up North were stealing over the County line to share in the fare. The restaurant was even mentioned in a Harlequin Romance novel. The page hung on display in the restaurant. The Lobster Shop remained popular until its final closing in 2014. Denny had opened the larger Lobster Shop South located on the Tacoma waterfront in 1981.



Residents of Dash Point truly miss Denny and his warm hospitality.

The historic photos that graced its walls were provided by former residents of the building going back to 1912.

Those photos are now in the Historic Dash Point School Building Museum along with some memorabilia from the Dash Point Lobster Shop. PNEHS has those early photos and more on file at their History Center in the Browns Point Lighthouse Park.

Denny recently donated one of the Lobster Shop signs to the Society. Above is a picture of Driscoll on