Points N.E. Historical Society
Browns Point . Dash Point . N.E. Tacoma
Located in Browns Point Lighthouse Park

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Fall 2017

Annual Old-Fashioned Holiday Tea

Sunday December 10, 2017
1 - 4 PM

The Light Keeper's Cottage
201 Tulalip Street
Browns Point, Washington 98422
at the Browns Point Lighthouse Park

Holiday Refreshments  Visit with Santa  Holiday Food Drive

Free Admission

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It was November 11th and Veterans’ Day…… and what a day it was! The Sand Bar was decorated in Red, White and Blue flags, balloons and glitter. Forty four Browns Point, Dash Point and Northeast Tacoma Veterans gathered for a hearty breakfast presented by the Browns Point Diner and Points Northeast Historical Society.

Some veterans already knew each other, but everyone met new friends. They had so much in common. In one case two KC135 pilots and a KC135 maintenance supervisor met for the first time. Their conversation took off immediately. This was the case throughout the morning. Three large panels told the military stories (with photos) of forty one local men and three local women. Included were three veterans, now deceased, who were confined in Prisoner of War Camps: Capt. Clare Cline was a Prisoner of War during WWII in Germany where he used his talent and ingenuity to build a violin. Sounds impossible but it is true. Capt. Willard Carroll Johnson was a Prisoner of War in the Pacific and actually survived the Bataan Death March. Tech. Sergeant John D. Melvin, Sr. was also a Prisoner of War in Germany in Stalag Luft IV which included a forced march for 89 days.

Everyone represented on these panels served with honor and there are so many of you out there who should also be represented. Whether you served for a year or thirty years or you are a private or a general, your tour was very important. In this newsletter you will find our military questionnaire which we invite you to fill out and submit to us with a military photo for our files and for a continuation of displays which will be getting larger and larger throughout this coming year. If you served you should be in this display because we are all so proud of you. We will be displaying our growing Hall of Honor at our events and the Salmon Bake!

A big thank you to Shane and Tanja Leek and the staff of the Browns Point Diner for going all out for our Veterans!
And another big thank you to our PNEHS volunteers for making this such a special event.

WE LOVE OUR VETERANS!
Points Northeast Historical Society
Questionnaire for veterans living or who lived in
NE Tacoma, Browns Point and Dash Point

Name_________________________________ Rank___________________
Present Address_________________________________ Phone__________
Email _________________________
Branch of the Service _________________________________
Years of Active Duty (example: 1960-1969) ________________
Years in the Reserves (if applicable) __________________________
Training and Job Description including necessary equipment (ie. kind of airplanes flown etc.)
___________________________________________________________
___________________________________________________________
___________________________________________________________
Places you were based_________________________________
___________________________________________________________
___________________________________________________________
Did your job in the service influence your occupation after service? If yes, how?
________________________________________________________________________________________
Please include here any unusual happenings during your service. (injuries, prisoner of war., commendations etc.)
________________________________________________________________________________________
________________________________________________________________________________________
________________________________________________________________________________________
Please include a formal or casual photo of you in dress uniform or work uniform. (it will be scanned and returned to you)

We thank you sincerely for answering this questionnaire and for your service to our country.

If you are doing this for a deceased relative please answer as if you were him or her. Please hand deliver this form with photo to the History Center next to the lightkeeper’s cottage in Browns Point Park on Mondays, 1030a.m. to 1:30 p.m. or call for appointment: 253 927-5385 or mail form with photo to: PNEHS, 6716 Eastside Dr. NE, #1-135, Browns Point, WA 98422
Help Needed for a Variety of Volunteer Activities

Points Northeast Historical Society is a volunteer organization providing an opportunity for community members to donate a little of their expertise to support the mission to:

Preserve, promote, and celebrate the history of Browns Point, Dash Point, and Northeast Tacoma (by)
Collecting and exhibiting historical records, stories and artifacts
Encouraging the preservation and public access to historical sites
Educating children and adults to appreciate their local heritage
Sponsoring and participating in community events

What do we need that you might be able to provide:

1. Help with social media, website, electronic newsletter
2. Docents (training provided) to direct visitors around the museum
3. Writers for newsletter, publicity, marketing
4. Special Events helpers like Christmas Tea, Salmon Bake, etc.
5. Clerical help, filing, office tasks, inputting into computer catalog program
6. Museum committee assisting with exhibits
7. General maintenance-repair, upkeep, painting
8. Financial advice for investing endowment funds

You can donate a few hours when you have time or get involved with a fun, dedicated group of volunteers.

Contact Nancy Bess: nanacybess@comcast.net or phone, 360-876-5110
Restoration Grants and Historic Register to Enhance Lighthouse Park

The Pierce County Council approved our Preservation Grant of $11,700 (plus our matching money) to restore the Generator Building, which sits in front of the Lighthouse. It used to house the backup generator for the lighthouse. Another grant, for $10,000 (plus $10,000 Metro Parks matching money) from the Lodging Tax Funds is pending and should be acted on in December.

In addition, the Council approved our application to be on the Pierce County Register of Historic Sites which will come with a bronze plaque to be displayed on the property. This adds to our past recognitions as National and State Historic Sites.

The Oil House restoration has been underway, with the metal siding having been removed and some wood structure repaired. The new metal and distinctive architectural features and replicated front door will be in place soon. Grants from Washington Preservation Sivinski Fund ($1,000) and a Lighthouse License Plate Fund ($6,500) plus money and volunteer labor from Points Northeast Historical Society supported this project.

Thanks to Greg Hoffman Construction and Jim Stice’s Specialty Metal for directing the project and Bruce Fierke, who helped with the fabrication of replica door hardware. Gene Grulich, a well-known lighthouse restoration architect, was a big help in guiding us through the planning process. Metro Parks provided help in the permitting process.

The next project in 2018-19 will be the restoration of the Lighthouse itself, replicating the original windows and door, replacing the ugly chain-link fence with something more aesthetically pleasing, and returning a replica lantern atop the tower.

Lots to See and Do at the Christmas Tea

Our Annual Christmas Tea is heading toward a 20th Anniversary in a few years! And it’s been 20 years of such fun.
So plan to attend and bring your family and friends! We will have the delicious goodies and drinks and the decorated cottage!

Sing carols around the antique pump organ!
Tour the cottage museums and the boathouse.
Buy or renew your 2018 PNEHS membership (It’s a great gift!).

Check out the Gift Shop. We have just gotten a new order of the popular golf shirts and we have a new style of baseball hats with the lighthouse embroidered on the backside.

Don’t forget to bring a donation for our food drive. The Boy Scouts will be collecting for us.
Food and money collected will go the local Food Bank.
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View our historic PNEHS photos display

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Fr. Kendall Haynes
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Sunday services:
8 am and 10 am
A Church for all People

Apologies to our Business Member Stephanie Herman whose ad was deleted from the Summer Newsletter!
It wasn’t intentional. We love Stephanie! She volunteers at our School Field Trips with a cheery smile!

Your business could be displayed here by buying a Membership for $100 (yearly). Newsletters are 4 times a year plus are on our websites and the ads are displayed at our events. See our membership form on page 7 or visit our website.
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Membership and Volunteer Opportunities

Memberships
New ______ Renewal _______
Individual  15.00_______
Family 25.00_______
Senior (Per Member) 10.00_______
Sponsor 50.00_______
Business 100.00_______
Total Enclosed _______

Volunteer Opportunities
Docent (Guide) ______ Maintenance ______
Filing ______ Publicity ______
Grant Writing ______ Merchandising ______
Education ______ Fund Raising ______
Spec. Events ______ Research ______
Cottage ______ Photography ______
Computer inputting (much needed) ______

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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Our Pierce County Council Representative Pam Roach rings out the good news about PNEHS!
Roach recently visited the Cottage and met with Board Members on a getting to know you tour!
Our road sign for the tea just happened to be in the background but it’s for 2016. This year’s tea is on
the the 10th!
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Don’t Miss the Annual Christmas Tea!
Sunday December 10
1-4 pm
It happens only once a year

SAVE THE DATE
2018 PNEHS ANNUAL MEETING THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 7 pm
St Matthew Episcopal Church in Browns Point
Special Speaker: Bill Baarsma

WA. STATE LIGHTHOUSE PLATES
Purchase a State of Washington Lighthouse License Plate and help with our projects.

Money from these license plates help preserve and restore lighthouses in our state by giving grants. PNEHS has been the happy recipient of such grants including a recent $6,500 grant for the restoration of our oil house!

It’s a great gift for the Lighthouse lover among your family and friends! And a treat gift for yourself!

Check out the special license plates section at the Department of Licensing.