The Original Browns Point Salmon Bake
August 6 & 7

Yes, the year ends in an even number and that means “it’s a Salmon Bake Summer.” Started by the Browns Point Improvement Club in 1946 to raise money for a new clubhouse, it’s been going strong ever since and delighting patrons with the delicious taste of salmon cooked over alder fires! Puyallup Tribe Native Jerry Meeker who is often called “The Father of Browns Point got it all started with clam bakes he used to put on for family, friends and the residents of Browns Point. For the fundraiser, he switched over to salmon and lent his expertise to the BPIC volunteers.

This year, the event is down at the BPIC grounds and the Browns Point Lighthouse Park. You can find out more information by searching www.browspoint.org or checking Browns Point Salmon Bake on Facebook.

Besides enjoying a delicious salmon dinner (other food selections are available too), you can tour the Browns Point Lighthousekeeper’s Cottage and our other Museums for extended hours both days, noon to 6 pm.

School Field Trips

May 31, June 2 and 3 saw an invasion of Belugas, Huskies and Explorers down at the Cottage and its adjacent museums and grounds. The occasion was the annual fourth grade field trips for our local schools. Over a decade in the running, it has become one of the (if not the) most popular field trips of the year. Older siblings tell their fourth grade brothers and sisters, “Just wait till you go to the lighthouse! It’s the best one yet.”

Fourth grade is the traditional level for students to study Washington State History. This year, over 250 students from three schools, Browns Point (Belugas), Crescent Heights (Huskies) and Northeast Tacoma (Explorers) Elementary Schools plus teachers and parents completed the course of seven learning stations: The local Fire Dept. brought its truck down and taught water safety. Knots were taught at one station along with a chance to ring the historic fog bell. Another station taught about Lighthouses, while another spoke about native peoples, explorers and the geography of the local Sound. The Boathouse Museum had Bob Robinson dressed as Oscar Brown showing off our Coast Guard Surfboat replica and also a demonstration of vintage tools. The kids just love to drill into a wooden box with an old-fashioned non power drill. The kids explored the replica of an old-fashioned school and the vintage kitchen in the cottage history museum. Volunteer Neil Hansen showed the historical evolution of a carrot peeler, among other items! Upstairs in the Music Room, Annie Brown re-enactor, Victoria Pann talked about Oscar and Annie’s life as the first Lightkeepers. One boy, hearing about Oscar and Annie, protested, “I thought this was about Lighthouses not that love stuff!”

(see page 3)
**Save These Dates for Community Events**

**Browns Point Lightkeeper’s Cottage and Museums**
Now Open Every Sat 1–4 pm through Oct 3. Free.
Open Noon to 6 pm during the
Browns Point Salmon Bake

**Our Local Schools Exhibit now open in the History Museum**

**Free Boat Tours of the Port of Tacoma**
July 17 during Maritime Fest
Boat tours depart from 535 Dock St in
Downtown Tacoma at:
10 am, 11:30 am, 1 pm, 2:30 pm, 4 pm

**Special Meeting on Kobetich Library Closing**
July 21, 7 pm
Norpoint Center Cascade Room

**BPIC Cliffhouse Willie’s Fishing Derby July 31**

**The Original Browns Point Salmon Bake: August 6&7**
BPIC Clubhouse Grounds

**Browns Point Lighthouse Cottage and Museums open Noon to 6 pm**

**Life At The Points Car Show**
Saturday August 20, 10 am to 4 pm
Browns Point Car Center
Free—Bring your car!

**BPIC Kids Fishing Derby August 28**

**The Annual Dash Point Ladies Luncheon**
Saturday, September 3, at On the Green,
Northshore GC CLUB 11 am
Reservations: Marilyn Beale, 927-4267

**PNEHS Old Fashioned Christmas Tea**
Sunday December 11, 1–4 pm
Lightkeeper’s Cottage

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**Solar Power Option for the Lighthouse**

In May, President Linda Van Nest, Jill Barkley and Jim Harnish met with US Coast Guard people and the Metro Parks Tacoma Manager Tom Dargan to review plans for the Park upgrade and installation of solar panels for the lighthouse. It appeared from the talks that the Coast Guard will approve the Metro Parks plans.

The solar option includes a 40” frame holding three solar panels (72” high with stand) to be installed inside the fence up against the south side of the tower, on the concrete lighthouse pad. It wouldn’t be too invasive and might blend into the tower, not quite reaching the boarded up lower window. They agreed to allow Metro Parks to replace the chain link/barbed wire fence with something more aesthetically pleasing but still providing security. One worry is vandalism—the fence might provide enough protection but it can’t block the sunlight to the solar panels.

The Coast Guard prefers the Solar Panel Option because the present power line through the Park is disintegrating and this would cost tens of thousands of dollars for underground installation.

Also, in informal discussion, it sounded like the USCG wouldn’t have a problem approving our possible future plans to fund the painting of the tower and replacing the missing windows and replicating the missing lantern room.

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![More Cute Kids from our Photo Archives!](image1)

*Above: Coast Guardsman with solar panel.*
*Right: Ladder inside Lighthouse. That’s all there is, folks!*
Re-enactor Victoria Pann as Annie and Bob Robinson as Oscar Brown, our first lightkeepers.

District 13 Fire Dept. Crew teaches water safety.

Volunteer Mary Chavez leads a group to their next site.

Nancy Bess and Jim Harnish teach knots!

Pam Halsan explains the need for lighthouses and specifically about the need for Browns Point Lighthouse.

Field Trip Volunteers ready for arrival of excited 4th graders.

“Hey, is that a Surf Boat?”
School Days, School Days!
Samples from Our New Exhibit “Local Schools”

We’re looking for your help in identifying your old classmates. Please stop by the basement museum display and look through the photo albums. We have class photos as far back as the 1920s. Copies can be ordered for a small cost.

Above: NE Tacoma 6th Grade, 1958-1959, Mr. Hazen

Below: Dash Point School 1927

Those wild and crazy kids at Meeker Junior High, Go Warriors?

Browns Point, 1970-71 Sixth Grade, Mrs. Eckert

Some of our volunteers

Jerry Pischel (Left) Steve Huff (Right) discuss the art of pressure washing.

Janice Burgess (center) and the New Docent trainees at the April training session.
A Tip of the Lightkeeper’s Hat To ...

- Our new PNEHS President, Linda Van Nest, our departing Interim President Jill Barkley and our new vice-President, Diane Malone.
- Our new Docent/Volunteer coordinator Nancy Bess.
- Our fourth grade field trips volunteers: Neil Hanson, Stephanie Herman, Victoria Pann, Sandy Huggins, Pam Halsan, Diane Malone, Mavis Stears, Pam Thomas, Bob Robinson, Jerry Pischel, Sally Slater, Nancy Bess, Pam Ladley, Kathleen Monahan. Mary Chavez, Linda Van Nest, Pat and Jim Harnish, Art Ladley and the Fire Dept 13 crew.
- The Dash Point Social and Improvement Club (started 1907 ) for another successful Dash Point Day held June 4. Dash Point residents participated in a 5K run/Walk and a 3K Kids/Family Dash plus a barbeque down by the Park in the evening!
- Larry Stears for installing our new computer setup (part of a 2016 Pierce County grant).
- Mark Wenner for helping us so much at his Browns Point Ace Hardware Store for 24 years, we are going to miss you!!!!
- Kim Wenner for starting Going Postal at Browns Point—Stop by to see the ‘Top 100’ retail items.
- Karen and Jerry Pischel for painting the cottage bathroom and the cottage backstairs.
- Our wonderful fourth graders and their support staff from Browns Point, Crescent Heights and NE Tacoma Elementary schools for making the Field Trips some special and worthwhile!
- Stephanie Herman and Properties Soundview Real Estate Office who celebrated their one year anniversary in the community with a wonderful open house. Laurie Littlefield-Wells sold prints of her stunning photographs of the Points and area and donated the proceeds to PNEHS! Stephanie also volunteered for three day sof field trips for us!
- Norm and Margot Andersen. Norm, our treasurer, has undergone successful heart surgery. Wishes for a speedy recovery. You can’t keep Norm down for long!
- Our Board Members and Head of Docents Janice Burgess. Janice has purchased a home up North and is leaving us. Janice has refined our Docent Program so much. And she did all that in between her world travels and many other volunteer duties.
- The US Lighthouse Society who is planning a tour of our Cottage and Museums in August. We are looking forward to your visit!
- Tom Dargan of Metro Parks for his update on the plans and schedule for the Browns Point Lighthouse Park at the June BPIC meeting.
- Our new Docents who attended training in April: Kelly and Mary Jo Creso, Tom Smith, Susan Tojas, Pam Thomas, Jerry and Karen Pischel, Doug Lane, Tom Reeder.
- Our maintenance volunteers Bob Robinson, Steve Huff, Jerry Pischel and Jim Harnish for tackling powerwashing, and checking on the supports under the History Center to see if it will support a new 500 pound fire-proof cabinet on order, and cleaning out under the building and hauling the trash off. Under the HC discoveries included several empty gallon wine jugs and a dozen golf balls. History?
- Our wonderful Cottage Gardeners. Editors Note: I wish our newsletter was printed in color so you all could see the beautiful gardens.
- Fire Chief Cliff McCollum. Best Wishes on a speedy recovery!
- Matt Jenkins, professional window washer(253-380-9494), for washing all the windows in the Cottage,
- Everyone who renewed your 2016 membership. We couldn’t “Preserve, Promote or Celebrate “Browns Point, Dash Point or Northeast Tacoma history without your support. If you haven’t done it yet, find a Membership form on page 7 or come visit our museums on Saturdays 1-4 p.m. and do it then.
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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.

Please return this form to:

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New Mailing Address
With the closure of Ace Hardware, Kim Wenner has opened Postal & More at the Point. Our new mailing address is
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Browns Point, WA 98422
This is important to note as it is a private mailbox and the USPS will not forward mail from a private mailbox as we had in the Ace Hardware Store.
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Cottage and Museums
Open every Saturday through
October 3
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Salmon Bake Extended Hours
Noon to 6 pm
Visit our new Exhibit
“Our Local Schools”

Farewell to Our Friend, Mark!

After 24 years at Browns Point Mark Wenner and Ace Hardware closed the doors. Pictured above, PNEHS President Linda Van Nest kicks off the event honoring Mark and his staff for all their years supporting community activities. Those attending were invited to sign the huge “guest book” mounted on the side of the fire truck. Several businesses in the shopping center served cake and coffee following the ceremony. Over 100 locals attended the event. A special Thank You, Mark, from those of us at PNEHS—Your support over the years was appreciated!

Another Rave Review

Volunteer Lightkeepers (otherwise known as renters) at the Cottage just can’t say enough good things about our unique, historic property. Here are some recent reviews from a family who made rental arrangements through our presence on VRBO, the vacation rental website:

“Looking for a fun getaway? You get to stay in a museum, and touch the stuff! My kids enjoyed raising and lowering the flag every day, and ringing the fog bell from the 1903 lighthouse. We swam in the cold salt water, and saw sea lions swim nearby. We all enjoyed playing the antique pump organ. I did a little bit of homeschooling in the museum’s 1920’s classroom. The beds were truly comfy, and the volunteers very friendly and helpful; you can tell how much they love the place. I can’t even tell you how much we enjoyed this place. I almost cried when we left. Do I really want to post this review? The place might get so popular that we might have trouble reserving in the future”!

Visit VRBO.com/500782 for more information or 253 927 2536.

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