

# DASH POINT SOCIAL & IMPROVEMENT CLUB (DPSIC)



## RIPPLES FALL 2009



Dash Point Centennial 1907 - 2007

DPSIC – 1000 Towncenter NE, Suite 180 PMB #100, Tacoma WA 98422



### **Annual Christmas Tree Lighting Set For Sunday December 6th**

The annual DPSIC Christmas Tree lighting will take place at **6 pm** at the Dash Point dock picnic area. We hope to sing a Christmas carol (or two) and provide some light refreshments. We expect that Santa and our local fire truck will make an appearance as well. We would like to see you and your neighbors there. **Refreshments will be available starting at 5:30pm.**

### Have A Tree To Spare?

If anyone has an evergreen tree they would like to donate for this year's Dash Point Dock holiday tree, please contact Jerry Barrett at 253-927-1396. The tree should be around 20 to 25 feet in height and be available for cutting around December 1st.

### ***Volunteers Needed For Tree Raising – Saturday Dec 5<sup>th</sup> 9am***

The Dash Point Christmas tree will be positioned at the end of the dock and strung with lights on **Saturday December 5<sup>th</sup>**. If you can volunteer an hour or two to help with this project it would really be appreciated. The tree raising process will begin at the dock **around 9:00 am**. Contact Jerry Barrett for more information (927-1396).

### Christmas Ship at Dash Point – December 16<sup>th</sup> 8:10pm

The Argosy holiday Christmas Ship is scheduled to visit Dash Point around 8:10pm – 8:30pm on Wednesday evening **December 16<sup>th</sup>**. The Rainier Concert Choir will be featured. The ship will visit Browns Point on Tuesday December 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:55pm featuring The Dickens Carolers.

### **Jazz Live at Marine View Presbyterian Church**

5pm – 6:30pm Free

Sun Nov 29<sup>th</sup> – Jovino Santos Neto

Sun Dec 20<sup>th</sup> – Michael Powers Christmas

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### Annual Dash Point Ladies Luncheon – Tribute to Janet’s Table Supply

This year the annual luncheon on September 19 at North Shore Golf and country Club featured memories of Janet’s. The tables were strewn with penny candy, reminiscent of what could be purchased there in the “good old days”. Georgina Camp was recognized as the matriarch of Dash Point and Harriet Anderson was presented with a cake and a framed picture of Janet’s in honor of her ninetieth birthday.

Marilyn Beale began the program by reading a letter from Katherine Anderson Hennessy who was unable to attend. The attendees willingly shared their memories of emergency runs, filling up with gas, and just hanging out at Janet’s. Her cousin Jill Barkley reminded us of what a great role model she was for the women of today. First and foremost she was a good listener, a caring neighbor and an independent businesswoman before women in business was the norm. After the “sharing”, door prizes were handed out. Five lucky people whose names were drawn out of a hat received note cards with the picture of Janet’s.

Co-chairwomen, Marilyn Beale and Lynn Cassell would like to ask anyone who was a past resident of Dash Point, or who is a current resident of the Dash Point community who would like to be on the invitation list to contact them. Lynn’s email address is lyndoncass65@msn.com and Marilyn’s is mlbeale@nventure.com. If you would like to order note cards @ \$10.00 for ten cards, contact Marilyn Beale at the above email address. Watch for your invitation next year for the third Saturday in September.

### Janet’s Table Supply Memories from Catherine Anderson Hennessy

Janet’s Table Supply looms large in my psyche, so much so, that for many years after I left Dash Point, when Janet’s was paved over, and after Janet Flynn passed away, I would still have dreams of her store. I would dream that I was driving through Dash Point and Janet’s was still there, and she was behind the counter. She would let me go into the back to use the phone or the bathroom, and I would discover that there was a grand house with many rooms and elegant furniture that none of us ever knew that Janet had.

Janet’s was an icon, and she was central to life and culture in Dash Point in the most unassuming, ever present, and quiet way. She had a dignity and patience and observational powers that I’m sure were far underappreciated.

I remember when my dad got his first lazy boy recliner. It was so modern, and so fun, and we kids soon learned that all of Daddy’s change would fall out and into the base of the chair when he leaned back. It became our best source of money for penny candy at Janet’s. Bare foot and rag-tag, we would go running down 21st Ave at full speed, tear through the Dash Point schoolyard and down into Janet’s. We’d open the door with the jingle of the bell and head straight for the penny candy counter after exchanging “hellos” with Janet. She was amazing. She patiently picked out the smarties and sixlets and bazooka joes, red licorice whips, and dare I say n\*\*\*\*\* babies as we agonized over our choices and whether we had enough to pay the 5 cents or so that was needed. Penny candy on the bottom, 5 cents on the top left, and 10 cents on the top right. Sometimes more exotic items cost 25 cents! The other great find was a stray pop bottle that could be redeemed for what else? but more candy. I am sure my facility with numbers and ability to read were truly cultivated at Janet’s Table Supply in the singular pursuit of candy.

Janet’s was not just about candy, though. I used to love just wandering around the store, with its unique old wooden plank and dusty smell, seeing all the other items she carried. Janet had just about everything you’d need in a pinch, from the other

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food groups besides candy, oil for your car, white nylon anklets for church, to folding rain bonnets, and a huge jar of pickled Polish sausages on the counter! She would give Mother the jar when the sausages were gone, and Mother would fill it up with hard boiled eggs. We ate pickled eggs for weeks out of those jars.

Janet's was THE important social hub of the community, as well. Whether we were going to the dock, to the state park, up into the Wells, or just riding bikes on the school ground - we always met at Janet's first. Then, of course, the big kids, the COOL kids, just hung out at Janet's sitting up on top of the air compressor housing on the little side porch. I was never cool enough, and was too short and fat to get up there anyway. Janet's air compressor saw lots of action because we all fixed our flat tires there. She reluctantly lent a wrench, and sold tire patch kits in the store - of course.

I am sure Janet Flynn knew more about all of us, our families, the comings and goings, the scandals, the petty fights of small communities, and the gossip and secrets than any other person in the community. No priest, minister or psychiatrist could have claimed to know more than Janet. And none of us really knew anything about her. I found her to be quite mysterious and always wondered what her secret dreams and longings were. (She probably wished everybody in her big drawer of accounts behind the counter would just pay their bills!)

I loved Janet Flynn and Janet's Table Supply. She is a part of that wonderful golden time of my childhood and growing up in Dash Point that I dearly cherish and could only wish for my own children growing up today in such a different world.

### Points Northeast Historical Society

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Preserving, promoting and celebrating Browns Point, Dash Point and Northeast Tacoma History. For more information see:

[www.pointsnortheast.org](http://www.pointsnortheast.org)

- You are invited to the annual LightKeeper Cottage Christmas Tea on Sunday December 13<sup>th</sup> from 1-4pm

### Community Partners

- Seabury School [www.seabury.org](http://www.seabury.org)
- Northpoint Cooperative Preschool [www.northpointcoop.org](http://www.northpointcoop.org)
- Marine View Presbyterian Church [www.marineviewpc.org](http://www.marineviewpc.org)
- Points Northeast Historical Society [www.pointsnortheast.org](http://www.pointsnortheast.org)

### 2009 Key Dates

- December 5th Help Needed At Dock to Assemble Christmas Tree 9:00am
- December 6th Christmas Tree Lighting at Dash Point Dock, 5:30pm
- Christmas Ship Scheduled to Visit Dash Point Wednesday Dec 16<sup>th</sup> 8:10 – 8:30 pm

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### Hot Shots Espresso - Local Business Profile

This local Browns Point Town Center business serves the BEST creamy Mochas around. Owner Shelly Fairburn is a long-time Dash Point resident who has been in the espresso business for over 17 years. In addition to a complete Espresso menu, Shelly has fresh donuts, muffins, bagels and cookies. The shop has a drive-through window and there is sitting inside. The Italian Lavazza coffee is excellent. Come in and start a punch card – buy 10 and get one FREE. Hot Shots Espresso is now open 7 days a week (Mon-Fri 5:30am – 2pm, Saturday 7am – 2pm and Sunday 8am – 1pm).

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### Hot Shots Espresso

Clip this coupon expires 12/31/2009

Good for \$1 off a 20 oz Mocha

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### Handy Phone Numbers

Our County Council Representative (Dist #2) Joyce McDonald	253-798-6694
Fire District #13	253-952-4776
Abandoned Vehicles on County Roads	253-798-3444
Sheriff Information	253-798-7530
Pierce County Sheriff Liaison	253-798-4721
Traffic Signal & Sign Maintenance (includes sign vandalism)	253-531-6990
Master Gardeners	253-798-7170
Meth Hotline	253-798-7537
Tacoma Power – Outages, fallen wires, broken poles	253-502-8602

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### Dash Point Social & Improvement Club – Membership Application or Renewal for 2010

Names \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

**Enclose check for \$10, payable to DPSIC**

\*Membership fee covers individual or family

Mail to: DPSIC

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