



# RIPPLES FALL 2011



Dash Point Centennial 1907 - 2007

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

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## Annual Christmas Tree Lighting Set For Sunday December 4th

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.**

## Volunteers Needed For Tree Raising – Saturday Dec 3rd 9am

The Dash Point Christmas tree will be positioned at the end of the dock and strung with lights on **Saturday December 3rd**. 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).

## Bookmobile Leaving on January 1<sup>st</sup>!

In early October, area residents received a letter from the Pierce County Library system stating that our area Bookmobile would be discontinuing service to the Points on January 1, 2012. We encouraged you to send letters and let the Pierce county Library staff know of your feelings and concerns with this decision. Despite our letters and phone calls, we have learned that the library board decided to uphold the decision to eliminate our Bookmobile service. Like a number of things that many of us have grown up with, we will likely never see or use a Bookmobile again. Instead our options will be to:

- Drive to the new Fife library 7-9 miles away
- Use the Tacoma Public Library at Kobetich
- Use the King County Library branches in Federal Way
- Download materials electronically from PCL or TPL

Many of us proposed that our Bookmobile service be preserved in some form, even if our service was reduced. We were told that the money is just not there to sustain this resource. For those of us who utilized the Bookmobile, it is another sad event in these depressed economic times.

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## ***Points Northeast Historical Society***

### ***Holiday Tea at The Cottage – Sunday Dec 11<sup>th</sup> 1-4pm***

The Cottage will be decorated for the season. Come and enjoy holiday treats and visiting with your neighbors. Mark this date on your calendar.

### **Christmas Ship at Dash Point – December 15<sup>th</sup> 8:10pm**

The Argosy holiday Christmas Ship is scheduled to visit Dash Point around 8:10pm – 8:30pm on Thursday evening **December 15<sup>th</sup>**. The Dicken’s Carolers will be featured. The ship will visit Browns Point on Thursday December 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:55pm featuring The Rainier Youth Choir.

## **Crime Watch**

We have been hearing reports of various criminal activities in our area. During October one thief was captured on camera stealing a package off a front porch left by a delivery service. Various items are being stolen out of parked cars or from household premises. Residents of the two Points need to be watchful and help each other given the scarce Sheriff resources that are allocated to this area.

Common recommendations made by the Sheriff include:

- Get a locking mailbox
- Don’t leave valuables in your car
- Make sure house windows / doors are locked
- **If you See Something - Say Something**

### **Area crime statistics through October 2011**

	Year To Date Oct 2010	Year To Date Oct 2011
Vandalism	6	15
Residential Burglary	5	13
Other Theft	11	15
Totals	22	43

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## Connie's Story (submitted by Caroline Hathawy)

In 1981 Connie Meredith was a single working mom raising two wonderful kids, Darin 13 and Darla, 11. On a fateful Labor Day weekend, Connie went on a motorcycle run to Mt. Vernon. The fun turned to tragedy when an accident caused the bike in back of Connie to slam into her. She received life altering injuries that left her a paraplegic. Connie spent 8 months in the hospital fighting for her life. Knowing her children needed her gave her the strength to continue her fight. She had to re-learn and learn new skills to go home, raise her family and live independently. This she did. Ten years later came the next life altering experience. Connie met Bill Bowen. It was love at first sight. Bill sent her roses. She said "I'm in a wheelchair" and Bill sent her roses. She said "I can never run on the beach with you", and he sent her roses and then.....they wed.

They were married for 21 years. Through all the challenges, they cultivated a love filled marriage with laughter and smiles. In 2009 infection issues required Connie to remain flag on her back in bed, only leaving her bed for surgeries or hospital treatments. As if this wasn't enough to deal with, in June of 2010 Bill was diagnosed with terminal cancer. He would take Connie to her treatment and then go get his. Bill passed away much earlier than expected on April 28<sup>th</sup> 2011. Connie was undergoing surgery at the time of his death. Her heart is broken but she is trying so hard to get back and be that independent person once again. We know she can and will, but she needs help.

(DPSIC participated in the benefit for Connie held on October 2, at the SWISS).

## Seabury Used Book Sale (at the school)

Friday Dec 2 8am – 4pm

Saturday Dec 3 9am - noon

## Fire Protection District #13

Election Result – Commissioner Position 3 (As of 11/18)

Rod Wertman – 58% of vote

## Dash Point History

- August 27, 1927 the first Dock Dinner dance, net take was \$213.55, the dance continued for 12 years until suspended by WW II, then started again in 1946
- Feb 7, 1928, the Dash Point club sponsored the beginning of Boy Scout Troop #72, their home base was located at Camp Kilworth

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# DASH POINT SOCIAL & IMPROVEMENT CLUB (DPSIC)



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### Jazz Live at Marine View Presbyterian Church

Sun Dec 18<sup>th</sup> – Michael Powers 3rd Annual Christmas Jazz 5pm - FREE

Sun Jan 8<sup>th</sup> – Patrick Lamb (soulful R&B saxophonist) 5pm - FREE

#### 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)

#### **2011 Key Dates**

- December 3rd Help Needed At Dock to Assemble Christmas Tree 9:00am
- December 4th Christmas Tree Lighting at Dash Point Dock, refreshments at 5:30pm
- Christmas Ship Scheduled to visit Dash Point Thursday Dec 15<sup>th</sup> 8:10 – 8:30 pm

#### **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
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 2012**

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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