



Black Pointer

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Manager's Corner

Hello Black Pointers!

We hope you are enjoying a beautiful and relaxing summer at Black Point Beach Club. Summer's still going strong here at Black Point, and we've got some fun lined up for you! Join us tonight at 7pm at the Clubhouse for *Karaoke Night* - a fun-filled community event open to all ages. Whether you sing like a star or just love a good laugh, it's always a blast. Looking ahead, don't forget to start prepping those floating masterpieces for the legendary *Cardboard Boat Race*, taking place at Main Beach on Saturday, August 30th. Creativity counts, and so does staying afloat!

As a friendly reminder, please come to a full stop at all stop signs and keep an eye out for our younger riders—those e-bikes and scooters can move fast, and kids are everywhere enjoying the sunshine. Let's keep things safe and fun for everyone. Whether you're out playing, paddling, or pedaling, thanks for keeping the good vibes going strong all summer long. It's a joy to be part of such a fun, respectful, and spirited community. As always, I'm just a call, text, or email away—reach me anytime at (860) 460-7641 or BPBCmanager@gmail.com.

See you on the beach,
Jim Moffett, Association Manager BPBC

AGING IN PLACE

Tuesday, August 26th at 7:00 PM, Clubhouse

Community Presentation

Sponsored by the Women's Club

Thanks to Black Pointer **Francesca**

Fortuna for organizing this event.

Learn about home care services and resources to help residents age in place safely, comfortably, and with dignity. An opportunity to hear from experts and ask questions for yourself or a family member.



The Black Point 2025 Cookbook

Cookbooks are \$30. You can purchase direct from me, at the Black Point Market, at various Association events I normally attend. You can also Venmo me: @Thomas-Kelly-164. Happy cooking! Tom Kelly

Karaoke Night

Tonight, FRIDAY, AUGUST 22nd

7:00 PM Clubhouse



You were warned...it's here! Bring that voice that withers the crowd with swoons or groans. Bring family, neighbors or guests along with beverages and snacks to share with others. This is a free event so why stay home! Music for all genres and decades! You know and we know you got The Voice!

Dear Black Point,

Thank you, thank you, thank you to the volunteers, donors and visitors who made Sunday's Red Cross blood drive such a huge success. Katlyn Baker did an amazing job organizing the event, leading her volunteers and motivating so many of you to donate. The many volunteers helped set up the Clubhouse, warmly greeted donors, cheerfully distributed snacks and provided lunch to the Red Cross workers and others. This incredible display of teamwork netted 48 total donors — that means over 140 units of blood products (red blood cells, platelets and plasma) will be made available for patients in need.

If you were one of the walk-ins that was regrettably turned away, please consider donating at another event. Simply go to www.redcrossblood.org (<http://www.redcrossblood.org/>), enter your zip code and make an appointment at your convenience.

While this event was held in our son Mason's honor, so many people will benefit from the generosity of the Black Point community. We continue to be amazed by all the people who have shown up for us during this fight. Thank you for being part of our team!

Christyn (Hills) & Scott Whitney- No One Fights Alone
#MasonStrong

Woman's Club Sponsors Yoga

Yoga begins at 7:00a.m. at the Clubhouse on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. \$5.00 per class. Classes will continue into part of September. Beginners are always welcome!

Don't forget to bring your Yoga mat and water bottle.



Black Point Men's Club

How are you doing? We hope that the Summer of 2025 has again proven that Black Point is the Jewel of the Beaches, whether you actively participate in the multiple events and activities available or just relax at our shores or on neighborhood patios enjoying the hazy, lazy days of summer! It's not over yet!

A Huge THANK YOU!

The Black Point Mens' Club would like to THANK many of our residents and especially our members that lead events and make things happen!

Special thanks to:

Jimmy Mastria (Our Chef) - Members Welcoming Night and anything food related!
Skip Guzy, Mike Johnson - SetBack Tournament, LED Solar Lighting (Woodland)
Tony Parisi - Mystic Noank Community Band. Corn Hole Tournament, PickleBall
Maura Stamm - Murder Mystery
Peter Borgue, Heather Maguire - BP Golf Tournament
Peter Baril - Nehantic Presentation, New Directory (BOG Project)
Shari Weiss, Cathy Walsh, Lil Diachenko - Bocce
Jim Schepker - Bad Dad/Mom Joke Night
Garrett Hickey - Trivia Night, Karaoke Night
John Manuck - If help is needed, he is there!
Bob Guenter, Skip Guzy, John Manuck, Mike Johnson - LED Lighting (ClubHouse)
Mike Johnson, Bob Guenter, others - Bocce Court Maintenance
Al Capozza - Money Man
and the large group of volunteers that help setup & clean up so many events!

Previous Events

Music Era Trivia Night:

A musically talented crowd of approximately 50 showed off their expertise by naming songs and artists from the 50's, 60's, 70's and 80's. The Baril team overtook the Beach Bums (Parulis group) in the last round with the Family Team coming in third (Koenig, Fogarty, Lil). Special thanks goes to Les Steele who provides a great deal of music from the 50's and 60's. Singing, Dancing, Music...Oh, What a Night!



Upcoming Events:

Friday, August 22nd - Karaoke Night - ClubHouse 7:00PM with Garrett Hickey

Saturday August 30th - 4th Annual Cardboard Boat Race - Main Beach – 2:00 PM

Some think it's all about winning but please read the following from a multi-year competitor, Mike Walsh, who has a different perspective...

👍Creative Cardboard Division👍

The Cardboard Boat Creative Division refers to teams participating in a cardboard boat race who focus on innovative and imaginative boat designs, often prioritizing aesthetics and originality over pure speed. These teams may choose a theme, like pirates or

dinosaurs, and let it guide their design and construction, aiming for a visually striking and memorable boat.....

Key Characteristics:

• Emphasis on Design:

Teams focus on creating a visually appealing and unique boat, often incorporating a theme or story.

• Creative Materials:

While cardboard and duct tape are the primary materials, teams might use additional materials like paint (for decoration only, not waterproofing) or even unconventional items within the rules to enhance their design.

• Costumes and Team Spirit:

Creative teams often coordinate costumes and team names or chants to complement their boat's design, further enhancing the overall presentation.



Mike Walsh: The Walsh crew of 2024 depicted the crew of the Orca from Jaws - Complete with the theme music, Costumes etc.

"Winning this event is **great** in that a team has a fantastic design, with just cardboard and duct tape, and is successful in putting all the pieces together. Add the ability to paddle and one makes it to the top.

But the other perspective is that this event is all about the spirit of working together, maybe with your kids, neighbors or friends! Laughing, having fun and maybe a few beverages along the way! If you are able to finish and not swim in, there is a feeling of victory for doing it! It's tough work but worth it!"

To get a glimpse of what this race is about, see a past video on the Community Page/Men's Club on the Black Point Beach Association Website!

We will ask all boats to register for this free event, so we can make sure all that start are accounted for at the finish! Register early by sending an email to blackpointmensclub2021@gmail.com.

Community News

NBYC Wednesday Night Races - 6 PM - Watch From our Shoreline

Only two weeks remain to see as many as 40 sailboats racing off our beaches. Bring a friend a chair and beverage and enjoy the amazing beauty of these vessels slicing through the waves!

Christmas Buoy Tree - An event that benefits and inspires the BP community!

One of our highly respected and active members of the BP community has approached the BP Mens Club to help sponsor an event in which the community purchases a buoy and decorates it with something pertaining to Black Point. It will be displayed during the Christmas season at BP. The Village of Niantic has a similar program but this would be only about BPBCA or its members.

This is early stages of planning but we would like your input! The monies raised would benefit our community or BP programs. Email ideas to blackpointmensclub2021@gmail.com

~ Build Community, Have Fun, Enjoy Black Point, Rick~

Women's Club News

The Annual Banquet was a perfect culmination of our 70th summer for the Black Point Women's Club. We gathered at Langley's at Great Neck Country Club, enjoying appetizers on the patio with its beautiful views, then sharing a lovely meal and wonderful conversation inside.



This season has been rich with highlights—from our Tuesday meetings, such as Cheese & Wine Pairing Night and creating framed floral art, to our community events, including Bingo, the Food Truck Festival, the Ice Cream Social, and Comedy Night. Thank you to everyone who joined us and to all our volunteers for making them happen! The most special of all was the 70th Anniversary Celebration. It was a joyful evening of sharing our appreciation for Black Point and honoring the women who have kept the Club strong for seven decades. We enjoyed terrific shrimp cocktail and cupcakes, and the retrospective gave us both a wonderful taste of the Women's Club's history and the feeling of Black Point summers over the past 70 years. The best part of all was celebrating it together with so many friends and neighbors. A huge thank you to the dedicated volunteers on the Anniversary Committee: Carolyn Boyle, Margie D'Agata, Cheryl Colangelo, Evelyn Gryk Frolich, Carla Wright, Judy DellaRippa, Nancy Erman, Pat Kolosowski, Heather Maguire, Sandy Sheehan, June Wiehn, and Diane Zukowski for all their efforts. Special thanks also go to our volunteers that night—Kathy Ogle, Joyce Atcheson, Kathy Sheehan, Kathy Deknis, and Monica Burnett—your help made the celebration sparkle. Although summer is winding down, the Women's Club will again sponsor activities throughout the year:

- **Setback with Kelly Fecteau** – Tuesdays at 7 PM starting September 2nd, continuing weekly. Contact (860) 729-4823 or jkfecteau4@gmail.com to join.
- **Book Club** – First fall meeting Tuesday, September 16, 1–3 PM. Contact Nancy Erman at nlern81@gmail.com to join the Book Club.
- **Dance Class with Marci Brody** – Wednesday evenings this fall. Contact Marci at (860) 922-7418 or mjgb@comcast.net to sign up.

- **Create Sea Glass Christmas Trees -- October 27th, 6:30-9pm.** To sign up contact Carolyn Boyle at csboyle@snet.net or (860) 930-9776

It has been a real joy and an honor to serve as President of the Women's Club these past two years. It is amazing to be part of such an




incredible community of women. My heartfelt thanks go to our outgoing Board and Committee Chairs: Vice President **Heather Maguire**, Treasurer **Carla Wright**, Secretary **Nancy Erman**, Parliamentarian **Evelyn Gryk Frolich**, Hospitality Chairs **Maggi Paar** and **Kathy Sheehan**, Publicity Chair **Carmen Brosseau**, and Membership Chairs **Roberta Martin** and **Gloria Ewings**. Your commitment and hard work made this such a successful and memorable season.

Please join me in congratulating our incoming Executive Board: President **Heather Maguire**, Vice President **Kathy Deknis**, Treasurer **Carla Wright**, and Co-Secretaries **Meg** and **Keira Sullivan**. With such a strong leadership team, I can't wait to see what the next two years will bring for the Women's Club! With the continued energy and enthusiasm of our members, I know the Club will remain just as vibrant and meaningful for the next 70 years and beyond.

Jocelyn Williams, President, Black Point Women's Club

70th Anniversary Gifts

 Tote Bags & Ornaments!

We still have a few special anniversary gifts left! Tote bags (\$20) and holiday ornaments (\$15). Grab yours before they're gone! Contact **Carolyn Boyle** at csboyle@snet.net or (860) 930-9776

Black Point Beach Club Association

Annual Informational Meeting

Saturday, August 30th

9:00a.m. @ Clubhouse



From the Editor

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It has been a great summer! There was so much great news to share with everyone. I am very thankful for the dedication of my delivery kids as they always deliver with a smile and make sure every house gets one. Thank you Steve at Black Point Market for also helping the delivery kids stay cool with delicious ice cream after a hot day. I look forward to sharing more great news next summer 2026! Enjoy the fall weather and holiday season with family!

~ Suzanne Smith, *Editor* ~

BLACK POINT MARKET NEWS

Greetings Black Pointers, Attawan Tribe, Crescent vagabonds, and Oak Grove yachtsmen,

It's been a really great summer serving you folks. Michele and I really appreciate your patronage and your friendship.

That being said, we still have a few more weekends to go and we will continue the our summer music line up with Ryan and the chocolate shots- Saturday the 23rd at 2:00PM, and Mars on Sunday the 24th at 2:00.

We will be doing a Whaler Brewing beer and seltzer tasting on Sunday also.

Come up from the beach and hear some really great music and taste some really great beer and Seltzer.

The "Find a Fish" Contest is going great with 36 fish already found. The winners got some really great prizes. If you haven't been lucky enough to find one yet, chin up, we still have about 4 more fish to be found and for Labor Day weekend a golden fish will be hiding out there somewhere. The prize will be a \$100 gift card. There will be 7 clues to the location of this Golden Fish.

The Golden Fish

40 fish and all were found.

One remains and a king will be crowned.

A well- hidden little golden fish,

and a handsome reward, as you wish.

Seven clues scattered about,

for searchers and you to figure out.

Clue #1

Between the yellow and the pink. In the direction of the rising sun.

Walk out 100 dry steps until there are none.

When you find your reflection, you will find a line.

Ten tugs should pull it up and out of the Brine.

(Clue number two will only be placed Friday Night Labor day weekend. Then it's game on)!

Good luck and Happy Hunting.

BPM will be open well into September.

Thanks again for a great season!

~Steve and Michele~



Important Phone Numbers

Association Manager.....860-460-7641,
(between 8:00AM and 6:00PM)
Emergency- Fire, Ambulance, Police 911
Police- routine matters..... 860-739-5900
Poison Control..... 1-800-343-2722
Northeast Medical Walk-in Center..... 860-739-5426
Tick Information..... 1-800-789-7241
Black Point Market.....860-451-8028
Hours: **Monday -Sunday 7:30-5:00pm**

CLASSIFIEDS -

Home Watch for all Seasons: Need someone to check on your property daily or weekly?

Call Pete 860-993-7061

House For Rent: 108 E Shore Drive. Long or short stay (min one week). Sleeps five. 2 full baths. Book now for the academic year or summer 2026. Tell your friends and relatives. Call 703-731-8087.

Assistant Needed- We are looking for a PCA (Personal Care Assistant) for our son Charles. Flexible Hours. Questions please call Peg's cell phone 413-896-3020.

FOR SALE: King sized upholstered panel headboard in blue with nail head trim. Excellent condition. \$45 or best offer.

Metal king size bed frame by Pragma Bed. No box spring required. Easily collapses for transport. Like new. \$100 or best offer. Call Roberta at 914-262-3993.

FOR SALE: BOAT/MOTORS

2019 Zodiac Cadet 8'11" with aluminum hull. Included: pump, oars, seat (cover and storage bag need replacing). Good condition- \$1300. Also 2.3 HP Honda outboard with less than 5 hour run time. About 3 years old-\$500. And 5 HP Honda outboard with less than 10 hours run time. About 3 years old - \$1000. Call Steve at 860-604-9023 or email to slbvmd@gmail.com

Car Detailing: Booking appointments for September, not too early to get your car ready for snow season. Complete auto detailing services with a 3-step process to ensure lasting shine. Call Jim 860-280-7519

Lawn Mowing/Weed Whacking: Looking for reliable lawn service? Year-round BP teen ready to help. Text/ Call Drew Brookmiller at 860-949-6132.

Do you knit, crochet, quilt, needlepoint, etc? Would you be interested in forming a group in Black Point? We can plan dates and times. Call Vaune Hatch @ 860-807-5932

For More Information go to:

www.blackpointbeachclub.com

(For more association rules and regulations visit the webpage www.blackpointbeachclub.com)

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